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2 held on drug charges

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Two of 12 defendants nabbed in a police raid at a suspected drug den in the city of Inkster last week were residents of Romulus.

The two defendants - Naim Khalifa and Tammy Mitchell - were arraigned in out-county courtrooms and were scheduled, with the 10 other defendants, to answer to the charges.

Police raided a house in the 27000 block of Hazelwood Street on Dec. 3 and arrested the 12 suspects, confiscated a quantity of drug contraband and paraphernalia.

Police believe the raid and subsequent arrests have closed down a major illegal drug operation in the city of Inkster.

Inkster Sgt. Lee Crump said the house was the target of an investigation and a hub of drug activity. He said that undercover police officers had made several drug purchases at the house before the raid actually occurred.

"We have had numerous complaints about this place, and I know the residents in the neighborhood are going to be happy to learn that we have made the arrests and closed down the operation," Sgt. Crump added.

Crump said the one defendant who resided at the house pleaded guilty to the charge of operating a house of illegal occupation. But the defendant was not the legal owner of the house.

The defendant, Henry Olszewski, also had an outstanding disorderly person warrant and was also charged on that count.

Olszewski pleaded guilty to the two counts at his arraignment and was ordered incarcerated for 120 days.

According to police records, Olszewski apparently doesn't own the house that he was living in. The property apparently is owned by his mother, who resides several doors down from the Hazelwood property that the police raided.

Also nabbed in the raid and facing drug charges are:

- Naim Khalifa, of the 35000 block of Roland, Romulus. Stood mute when arraigned for possession of cocaine. Bond is set at \$50,000;

- Tammy Mitchell, 9000 block of Biddle, Romulus. She was charged with possession of cocaine. Pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and sentenced to 90 days in jail;

The arraignments and hearings were conducted by 22nd District Court Judge Sylvia James and 22nd District Court Magistrate Robert Pendergrass.

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Re-opening soon

Reconstruction agents for local companies were called in last week to examine the burned out Romulus VFW bar area and to submit bids. Above is shown the extensive damage to the walls, melted television set and other blackened areas of the Huron River drive facility. The fire broke out early Thanksgiving morning. VFW officials hope the reconstruction work can be completed early in February. MCN Special Photo

Art thievery charges are dismissed and added to

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A strange twist developed in the \$73,000 stolen art recovery case last week, as current and expanded charges were filed in Detroit against the accused thieves and earlier charges filed in Romulus' 34th District Court were dismissed.

The arrested brothers, Gregory L. and Eric D. Lipsey of Detroit, were arraigned in Detroit's 36th District Court last week and three new charges of obtaining property under false pretenses were added to the original complaints against both parolees.

The change in venues was made apparently, police said, because the brothers were arrested and the loot was recovered in Detroit.

Cash bail of \$50,000 each was set for the pair and a hearing date was set for Dec. 19 at the 36th District Court. But law enforcement officials feel that date probably will be postponed until after the new year.

The pair were originally also charged with three counts of receiving and concealing stolen property, one count each of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count each of being a habitual offender, third offense. Those charges still stand, as they were refiled in Detroit.

Also arrested with the two men was Kimberly A. Upshaw, 23, of Redford, who was charged originally with three counts of receiving and concealing stolen property. Those charges still stand and no new charges were added against

her, Romulus police said.

Romulus police first announced the recovery of \$73,000 in stolen art on Nov. 25 after executing two search warrants in Detroit and Redford.

Detective Lt. David Early reported at that time the Lipsey brothers were being held for several thefts of rental trucks from the Romulus hotel between July and October 1997.

In the Detroit raid local police also found a .40 calibre semi-automatic pistol and an Uzi submachine gun.

The Lipsey brothers, who are on parole for armed robbery and auto theft charges, face extended jail terms and fines if convicted.

Hopson is named chamber's person of the year

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Ron Hopson, longtime Romulus business and political leader, was named last Friday as the 18th annual Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce person of the year.

Hopson, who ironically was one of the chamber's charter board of directors, was notified of his selection at a luncheon meeting with Chamber President Joel Carr and directors Kristine Destroyer, Mark Lewkowicz and Gil White Jr.

Hopson on Monday, revealed he was "quite surprised on being named for this honor. I never ever thought of being nominated."

According to a fact sheet released by the Romulus Chamber, Hopson moved to Romulus at the age of four and was raised on a farm on Harrison road. He attended Romulus Junior and Senior High School and was active in the schools' football teams.

"I played for two of the only undefeated teams in Romulus High history, 1949-50," Hopson said proudly.

Prior to entering the U.S. Army in 1953, Hopson attended the University of Michigan for two years. Later he graduated from the U of M with an engineering degree.



Ron Hopson

Upon his discharge, Hopson joined the Ford Motor Co. as a design engineer. He later owned four Barhops Restaurants, including one that he built and owned in Romulus (now the site of Daly's Restaurant).

Other store sites were in Belleville, Riveview and Ypsilanti.

Hopson also has owned and operated his own insurance firm, Franklin Life Insurance Co. since 1974.

Hopson (along with Ron Halvin) also was instrumental in starting the Romulus Flyers (Little League) organization and coached one of the teams. He also has been a member of the Romulus Rotary Club

since 1960 and has served two and a half years as club president.

Fellow Rotarians say that Hopson has individually and jointly (as a Rotarian) helped many needy Romulus citizens, families and organizations.

He (along with retired Wayne County Hospital Fire Chief Nicky Reel) helped Romulus Township become a city and later helped form the Romulus Chamber in 1978. He also has served as a Salvation Army bell-ringer at various times.

"Ron has great pride in Romulus and it shows through down through the years, as he has voiced his opinions on major issues effecting the city," Carr said.

"If you need him...he is there," Carr added.

He also has served numerous times as Mayor William Oakley's campaign

manager.

Hopson is married to Ruth Ann Hopson. He has four children, Brent Hopson, Shawn Samanak, Sue Wright and Bert Smith.

Hopson will be officially honored at an awards banquet

on March 20 at the Royce Hotel. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served an hour later. A \$30 donation needs to be paid before March 11th to attend the affair.

For more information call Karan Johnson at 326-4290.



Newly designated 18th annual Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Ron Hopson (seated right) was informed of his honor last week by Romulus Chamber President Joel Carr (seated left) and other chamber officials: Mark Lewkowicz, Karan Johnson and Kristine Destroyer. MCN Special Photo

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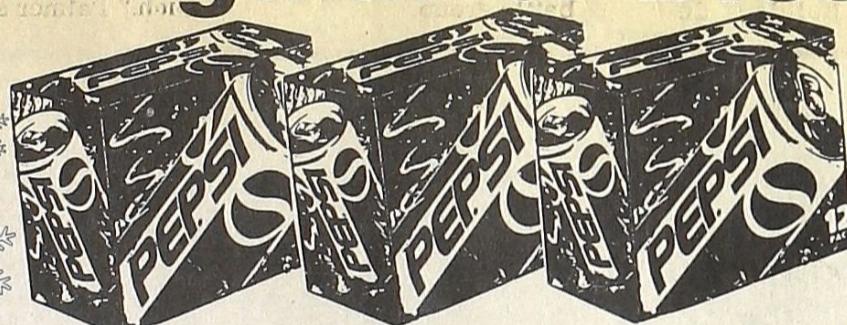
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ration, making beds, dusting and other light housework. Also personal care such as bathing, grooming and ambulation. Contact the Senior Alliance at 1-800-815-1112 or 722-2830.

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens is done at Maplewood community Center (Maplewood, west of Merriaman) every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Counseling and assistance for clients with issues or questions about Medicare/Medicaid forms and benefits are available on the first Tuesday of each month in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245

Inkster Road, between noon and 2 p.m.

Senior shuttle bus is available from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays to transport Canton seniors from the park bus stop to the senior center in the Summit on the Park.

Seniors in Canton will be seeing Riverdance in March. A trip to the Garland Resort in Lewiston, Mich. is planned on Jan. 22-23.

Blood pressure screenings are provided on the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. by the Senior Advantage Program of Beyer Hospital.

Happenings at Wayne Senior Center

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

The following activities are keeping the seniors in Wayne very busy.

Starting Jan. 5 there will be an eight week line dancing class. On Tuesdays the Senior Activity Center is open from 6-9 p.m. for cards, pool or to watch a movie.

Ballroom Dance classes will begin again after the first of the year. They are from 4-5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

An investment club will begin in January also.

"Law Law Who's Got The

Law" will be a group of seniors who are interested in the law and how it works. Sessions will begin at noon on Jan. 12. The facilitator will be Judge Carolyn Archbold.

A new 30-minute water wellness class will be starting soon at the Wayne Aquatic Center. The walking track and exercise equipment will be available as well as the pool and

the water slide.

A salad luncheon will follow in the aquatic viewing area. Private changing rooms are available.

Free tax preparation by AARP tax aides will be offered to senior residents 60 years and up with a yearly income of \$20,000 or less.

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Belleville bride, daughter find lice not easy pickings

By LORI GILI FSPIE
MCN Staff Writer

A week before her wedding last year, Jennifer Morse noticed her 2-year-old daughter scratching her head, and she discovered that the toddler had head lice.

Morse took the girl to the pediatrician, who advised her to try one of the over-the-counter shampoos.

"I tried the shampoos, and the lice would not die," Morse said. "It doesn't kill the nits, and when you shampoo and there are eggs, the medicine goes into the eggs, and they grow immune to it."

A week and five different "remedies" later, including three top-line products (Quell, NIT, and RID), Morse called the National Pediculosis Association for their advice. The non-profit organization deals with head lice and scabies exclusively. They told the Belleville woman the only way to get rid of the problem was to go through her daughter's hair, strand by strand, and pick the pests out by hand. The only other solution is to shave off all of the child's hair.

Morse said that the shampoos on the market don't actually kill the lice. Instead, the pests become "drugged" from the medication. This slows them down, and makes them easier to catch. But, if you just shampoo, and don't actually take the time to pick the bugs out, the problem will continue once the medicine wears off.

She added that three days after you pick the lice out of your child's hair, you must do it again because the eggs, which are practically microscopic, will have hatched, and you have to pick them out before they have a chance to lay more eggs.

"The night before the wedding, everyone else was setting up the church, and I was picking bugs out of my daughter's hair," Morse said. "I sat her

down in front of the television, put her hair up in a clip, and pulled it down with a rat-tail comb. It took me four hours. I had to do it all at once because if I would have stopped in one section, it would have given them a chance to move to a section I had already gone through. Now if you mention to my daughter that she has bugs, she almost cries."

Morse said she sympathizes with those parents who are going through this right now and are being told by doctors that they need to clean their house better, or they are not using the shampoo correctly.

"I am anal-retentive when it comes to cleaning," she said. "I

vacuumed every day, washed her bedding every day, and even cleaned the baseboards with a toothbrush. None of it worked. Parents need to understand that it's not that they are not vacuuming enough."

After speaking with someone from the NPA, Morse found that the lice die within one to two hours if they don't have a host body because they need the body heat and the blood to survive. She was disturbed to hear that the Van Buren Public School District was going to bomb the buses and two of the elementary schools to stop an outbreak.

"It's not going to do them

any good to bomb the schools or the buses," she advised. "It's cold at night, so they will die on the buses. And, anything left in the school after the kids leave will die in one to two hours."

Morse said the best thing for the schools to do is for each child to have a bag to place their personal items in to keep the lice from spreading. She added that people need to realize that the lice don't fly or hop, they crawl from place to place.

For more information call the National Pediculosis Association at (617) 449-NITS.

Anchors away!

Canton sailor home for the holidays

The gifts are all beautifully wrapped, the tree is decorated, and its lights are blinking merrily. The smells of fresh pine and cookies scent the December air. All is ready for Christmas and this year a Canton Sailor is spending the holidays in the United States.

Last year, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael S. Palmer spent Christmas deployed overseas aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Antietam. Although the ships served a Christmas dinner while it was underway in the Arabian Gulf, the holiday wasn't the same for

Palmer.

"I was underway in the Middle East," said Palmer, the 26-year-old son of Joan Barnett of Canton.

Palmer, a signalman, communicates with other ships, aircraft and shore activities using lights, flags and semaphore (visual equipment). While his job on the Antietam was exciting during the deployment, he is still happy to be able to spend this Christmas in the states.

"I'll be with my wife and soon at our home this holiday season," said Palmer, a 1989

graduate of John Glenn High School.

The Antietam, with its crew of nearly 400 officers and Sailors, is equipped with the latest high-tech radar, combat and propulsion systems. Last year, the 9,600-ton warship was one of more than a dozen U.S. Naval vessels that enforced U.N. sanctions against Iraq as part of Operation Southern Watch during the holidays.

Palmer feels supporting the Navy's mission projecting a forward U.S. presence overseas is extremely important no matter what time of the year it

is. "A show of force is very important in the world today, especially in the Middle East. It doesn't matter what time of the year it is, some leaders will try anything stupid anytime. Deploying overseas during the holidays becomes routine after a few deployments; that's why I'm still in the Navy," said Palmer, an eight-year Navy veteran.

While Palmer is lucky enough to be home for Christmas this year, he knows that thousands of other Sailors will spend the holidays de-

ployed to the Middle East as part of the USS Nimitz and USS George Washington carrier battle group.

Michael Palmer

"I'm happy to be home and have the chance to be with my family. We will enjoy it very much," Palmer said.

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CITY OF ROMULUS**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 1, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William J. Wadsworth.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance: William Oakley, Mayor; Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk; Pamela Kersey, Treasurer.

Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-533

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the Romulus City Council held November 24, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Gear. Motion Carried.

97-534

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve the request from CapStar Detroit Airport Company, L.L.C. to transfer ownership of 1997 12 Months Resort B-Hotel licensed business known as the Hilton Suites, located at 8600 Wickham from Rainier Groups, Inc. of Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Item deleted due to failure of petitioner to appear.

97-535

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Coleman A. Young, former Mayor of the City of Detroit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Item deleted by Mayor.

97-536

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 97-56 for a Twelve Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner to the only bidder, Jursik Truck Equipment Company in the amount of \$175,956.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-537

5H. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 97/98-12 as follows:

FUND/DEPT ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
MOTOR VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT FUND 661-000-00-140.000	Machinery & Equipment	1,129,269	15,000	1,144,269
RETAINED EARNINGS Motor Vehicle & Equipment Fund		580,442	15,000	565,442

To appropriate funds for replacement of dump bodies on two salt trucks.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-538

5D. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to authorize the emergency purchase of two (2) Dump Bodies from Jursik Truck Equipment in the amount of \$6,176.00 each.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-539

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to appoint David J. Paul to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Donald Morris, term to expire January 31, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Romak. Motion Carried.

97-540

5F. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to appoint Terrell Bird, Fred W. Hay, DuWayne Martin and Gerald B. Wendland to the Historical Commission with terms to expire December 9, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Mayor's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-542

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.155 introduced at the meeting of November 24, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-542

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to approve the second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.156 introduced at the meeting of November 24, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-543

6A3. Motion by Morris, supported by Wadsworth to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 97/98-8,9,10 !1 introduced at the meeting of November 24, 1997.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

97-545

8. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to send a communication to Toby Parker thanking her for her years of service on the Environmental Protection Board.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 1, 1997.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Romulus soldier serving in Asia

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A young Romulus peacekeeper has "dropped into" the central Asian country of Uzbekistan (an independent nation that formerly was part of the U.S.S.R.) just before the Christmas holidays to help local military officers perfect their skills.

Surprisingly Army PFC. Robert J. Knasiak, son of Sharon Knasiak of Romulus, found he was welcomed to the former communist land with open arms by local inhabitants and soon found himself trading tobacco and food with them.

The former Cold War enemies are seen smiling, shaking hands and even at times embracing one another across this extremely dry and barren land.

Knasiak is one of more than 500 U.S. soldiers, who arrived in the land once conquered by Genghis Khan and later Russian troops, and are now helping the inhabitants to become

open to a new and free-market society.

Leaders of Uzbekistan opened the doors to the visiting American soldiers so that the local residents could learn about Western society first hand.

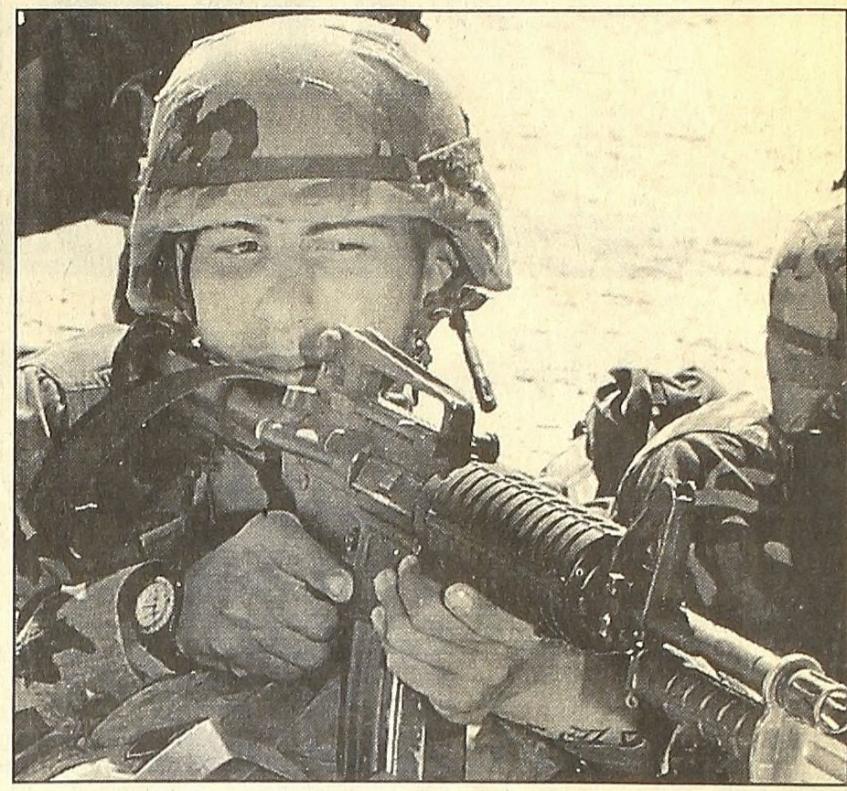
Knasiak, a member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., brought his parachute along and used it upon arriving over Chirchik following a non-stop 20-hour flight.

The flight that was aided by three in-air refuelings, climaxed shortly after he and fellow soldiers parachuted from their C-17 and into American military history.

The flight was recorded as the longest associated with an airborne jump.

A short time later the Americans began a peacekeeping training mission, including interactions with the armies of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Latvia, Georgia and Turkey.

"After we hit the ground



Romulus soldier Robert J. Knasiak demonstrates some of his peace keeping skills to his Asian counterparts. MCN Special Photo

with our parachutes," Knasiak said, "we moved out to a guard post, where we put up a traffic control point. We only allowed certain people through."

He added "we worked side by side with members of the Asian armies and the best part was the interaction with those soldiers. We exchanged just about everything, like chewing tobacco and food, and we got pictures of ourselves taken with these soldiers."

Later at a military camp, groups of foreign soldiers swarmed around the Americans, looking for a chance to trade anything for an American souvenir or badge.

"The importance of this mission," Knasiak said, "is for us to help small, new democracies gain strength by having the U.S. as a friend." The food is interesting, but

Trade Center open daily

Gibraltar Trade Center, Racho and Eureka in Taylor, is open daily through Christmas.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 and 9 a.m. to

8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. The center is closed on Christmas Day but is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 27 and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 28.

**CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.155**

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning Lots on the North Side of Heroux, East of I-275 from C-2 (General Business) to R1B (Single Family Residential).

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2. The Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus is hereby amended to rezone the following from C-2 (General Business) to R1B (Single Family Residential)

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

DP#s 076 99 0009 000, 076 99 0010 000, 076 99 0011 000, 076 99 0014 000, 076 02 0026 0000, 076 02 0028 000, 076 02 0030 300, 076 02 0033 000, 076 02 0034 000, 076 02 0049 000, 076 02 0050 000, 076 02 0051 000, 076 02 0052 000, 076 01 0053 000, 076 02 0054 000, 076 02 0056 0000, 076 02 0058 300, 076 01 0090 001, 076 01 0091 003, 076 02 0035 000 and 076 02 0036 000.

Section 3. Except as herein modified the said zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED:** Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper of general circulation.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 1st day of December, 1997.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST: _____ William Oakley, Mayor

INTRODUCED: November 24, 1997
ADOPTED: December 1, 1997
PUBLISHED: December 18, 1997

Publish: December 18, 1997

**CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.156**

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning the Western 200 ft. of DP# 001 99 008 701 on the Southern Side of Van Born Road, East of Inkster Road from C-2 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Industrial).

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2. The Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus is hereby amended to rezone the following from C-2 (General Business) to M-1 (Light Industrial)

Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

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Police Reports

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Police Reporter

On Dec. 11, Romulus Police Officers responded to a caller stating that his car was being stolen at River Oaks and Middlebelt.

Upon arrival, the officers found the owner in the middle of the street armed with a .38 caliber revolver. Also present was the employee of a repo company there to repossess the vehicle. The weapon was confiscated. No charges were sought.

Three breaking and entering calls were received by the Romulus Police Department between Dec. 10 and Dec. 13. The first call came in on Dec. 11 from the 34000 block of Goddard. The location had been forcibly entered by removing a board covering a garage door. Larceny of stereo components (Alpine and Kenwood) and speakers from two vehicles parked inside.

The next call came in on Dec. 12 from the 15000 block of Meadow. The owner arrived home at and found a bicycle near the front door and the side door forced open. Police found the suspect to have escaped through a bedroom window, abandoning his bicycle, a silver Murray "Astra" Mountain bike.

The third caller, from the 35000 block of Smith Rd., stated that he/she believes roommate stole television, VCR's and a microwave from the shared residence.

Also reported by Romulus Police were four stolen vehicles. The first from the 35000 block of Golden in which a red 1995 Ford was stolen. The 2nd call came from the 34000 block of Goddard where a 1989 white Cavalier was stolen while its owner was at work. The 3rd vehicle was stolen from the Sunoco Gas Station on Middlebelt. The victim entered the station to make a purchase and left the car running. Heard vehicle being driven off, did not see suspect. The car is described as a white 1986 Chevy Cavalier with black doors. Reported on Dec. 13 was a stolen 1987 Dodge Caravan from the 8500 block of Wahrman.

Further reports from Romulus Police are as follows...

A resident of the 11000 block of Delano stated that a neighbor in apartment threatened her by pointing a sawed off shotgun at her chest. The threat is being investigated.

The City of Wayne Fire Department reported 1 house fire, 4 unknown fires and 41 rescue calls the past week.

The City of Wayne Police Dept. reported the following calls the past week.

A call came in from a car lot on Mich. Ave. of a suspicious person in a vehicle.

A traffic accident was reported on Mich. Ave. at Elizabeth on Dec. 9. No injuries occurred.

Officers responded to a call at Wayne Memorial High School of an assault. Reports were made. A second assault call came in from the 3800

block of Hubbard in which reports were made.

Police were called to the Beehive Restaurant due to a disorderly person. No report had been made.

A call came in of a reckless driver at Barber and Avon. The suspect was gone upon arrival.

A non-injury accident was reported to at Van Born and Wayne Rd. on Dec. 10.

A missing person report was made on Dec. 10 at Wayne Memorial. Incident and complaint reports were taken.

Reports were made from Northside Hardware on the allegations of Embezzlement.

A call was received from DJ's Lounge of a disorderly person. No report was made.

Van Buren Police Dept. reported the following activity the week of Dec. 8....

On Dec. 8, police responded to a call of a burglary in progress on Ecorse Rd., only to find it was an employee error at the location.

Officers responded to a call in which a gas line was broken at Martz and Lohr. Police secured the area and call Mich Con to resolve the problem.

After receiving a call from the Meijer's store in Belleville, officers made an arrest due to retail fraud.

Wheel covers were stolen from a vehicle in the Haggerty Sub.

Officers responded to a call of the Management at Kmart being threatened. When police arrived, the suspects were gone.

The fire department responded to a carbon monoxide emergency at Belleville Manor. When the arrived, they turned the matter over to Mich Con.

Police were called to a location on Van Born Rd. in which two 8 year olds reported being assaulted at Haggerty School.

Fire officials responded to an emergency on Parkwood. When they arrived they found the victim to be in cardiac arrest. The death was investigated and no foul play had been found.

Police received 3 separate calls in the early morning of Dec. 9 and responded to take reports of vehicle larcenies on Beekley Rd. A fourth call came in from the same street that a vehicle was being stolen.

Officers responded to an accident on Belleville Rd. at 1:27pm which lead to an arrest.

Several accidents were reported and responded to on Dec. 9. Two at Haggerty and Ecorse, 1 in which resulted in injuries. A second also at the same location. Another was reported at Belleville Rd. and I-94. Reports were made in all instances.

Meijer Gas Station reported

a suspect who failed to pay for gas.

Fire Dept. #1 responded to a call at approx. 8pm on Woodbury in which there had been carbon monoxide poisoning. The report is being investigated.

Two felonious assault and battery calls were received on Dec. 9. The first on Parkwood, 2nd on Kirkridge. Reports were made on each.

Van Buren Township Police, assisted by Wayne County Special Operations Team served search warrants for armed robbery suspects. Two suspects were arrested.

A car/deer accident was reported at Bemis and Sumpter Rds. on Dec. 10.

A breaking and entering call was received at 7:28am from the 11000 block of Belleville Rd. Officers responded. A report was made.

Several accidents were reported on Dec. 10. One at the Park Estates. One on Denton Rd. in which OUIL was involved. Another on Beekley. A fourth on E. Huron River Dr. and Haggerty. The fifth on E. Huron River Dr. And a sixth at Haggerty and Ecorse. The seventh in the 51000 block of Michigan. Officers also responded to a vehicle in the ditch on WB 94 at Haggerty.

Two domestic disputes were reported on Dec. 10. One in Meadows Lane in which a report was taken. A second was a physical domestic in the 6600 block of Maurice in which an arrest was made.

Officers reported to Harbour Club Apartments to assist and make a report with the Child Protective Services.

The following accidents were reported on Dec. 11....

Belleville Rd. and I-94, Haggerty Rd. and Van Born, another later in the day at Belleville Rd. and I-94. The last accident reported that day was on Belleville Rd. and Ecorse in which was reported

edly caused by a semi truck with an oil spill. A report was made, the truck impounded and clean up was taken care of.

Van Buren Police received an emergency call of a man choking. The call was transferred to the Fire Dept. and assisted by Huron Valley Ambulance in which the victim was transferred to Ann Arbor Hospital. His condition is unknown at this time.

Van Buren Police K9 Unit assisted a locker search at Wayne Memorial High School on Dec. 11.

Express Tire in Belleville called to report a fraudulent check. A report was made.

Two separate domestic disputes were responded to on Dec. 11. One in the 41000 block of N. Woodbury in which the male party left for the night. Another in the 9100 block of Parkwood which lead to an arrest.

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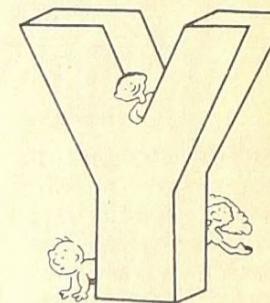
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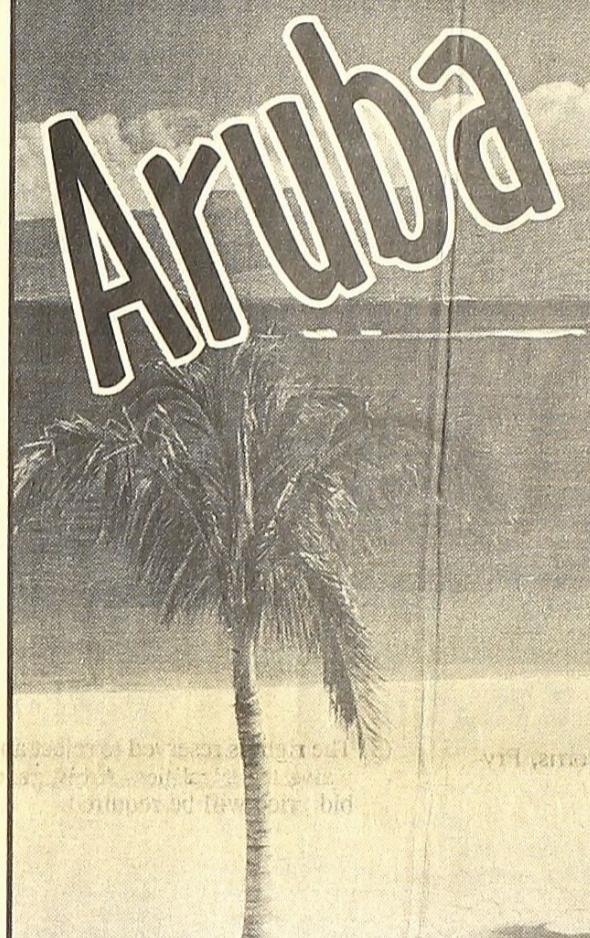
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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

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Items for the Community Calendar should be submitted in writing at least one to two weeks in advance of publication to "Community Calendar, Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI., 48184. Each brief calendar event should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information call the newsroom at 729-4000 ext. 43.

SNOW SLEDDING Wayne County Recreation officials reveal sledding conditions are excellent at the Cass-Benton Hill in Hines Park. Two new ramps with handrails have been installed to aid local skiers reclimb the hills after their exhilarating slides down. The sledding site is on Hines Drive between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information call Wayne County Parks at 313-261-1990.

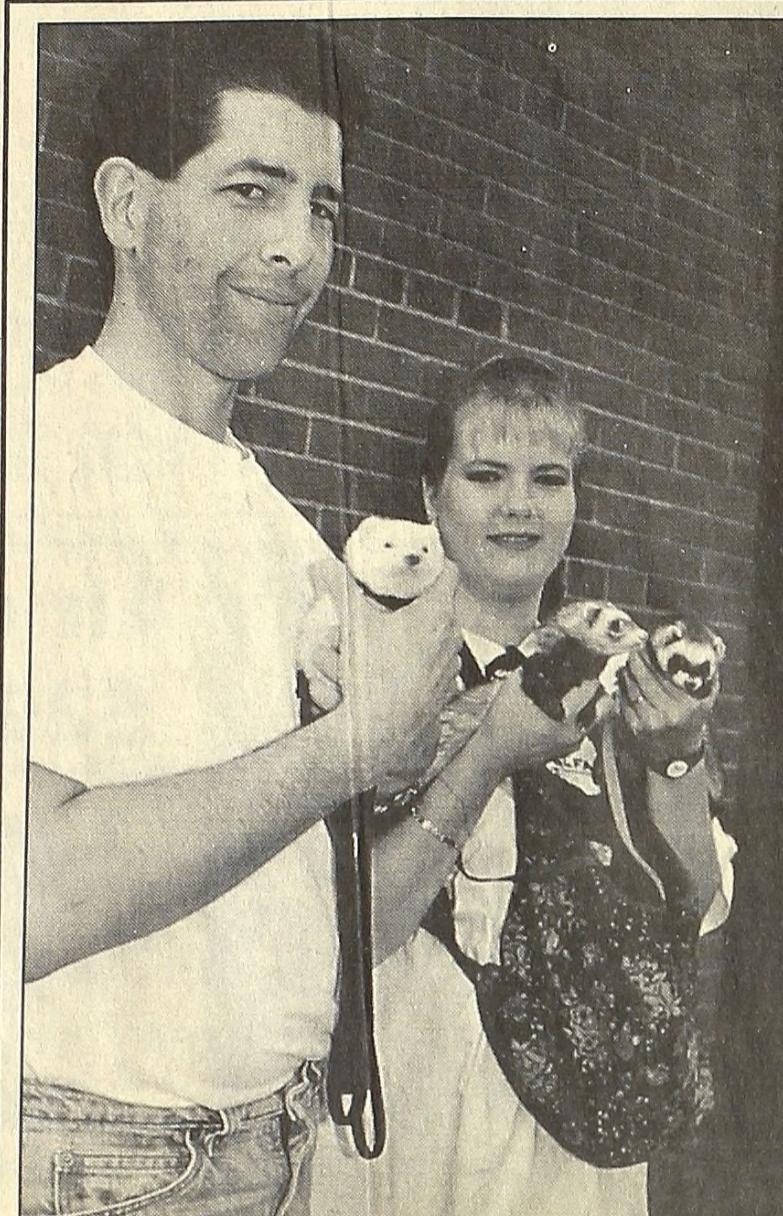
RISING STAR SINGERS The noted local youth performance choir will perform at a Spirit of Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Domino Farms. The musical group is connected with the Arnold Williams Music store at 5701 Canton Center road in Canton.

WIDOW-WIDOWERS A support group for widows and widowers meets the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Maplewood Senior Center, 31735 Maplewood, just south of Warren Road and east of Merriman road in Garden City. Group seeks to help widows and widowers deal with loneliness, learn new skills within the home and adjust to living alone. To register call Rebecca Rouse of Community Hospice and Home Care Services at (734) 522-4244.

HONORS BAND CONCERT Ninety high school guest musicians will be performing at the Pease Auditorium, College Place at W. Cross, Ypsilanti, at 2 p.m. Jan. 18. The concert is sponsored by the Eastern Michigan University.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Will offer a Beginners Computer-Genealogy session at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Livonia Senior Citizens' Activity Center, 15128 Farmington road (behind the Golden Lantern Restaurant). Kathy Petlewski from Schoolcraft College will be the speaker. On Feb. 21 a featured program on President Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will be offered. Further information can be obtained by calling 425-8832 or 455-1122.

COOKING AND EXERCISE Aerobics with Dorothy Moody will be offered for 45 minutes on Mondays Jan. 5 through Feb. 9 at the Bailey Center in Westland. The cost is \$25 for



Trio of pets

Bruce Plaisier, holding Reba, and Julie Jones, holding Divot and Asti, display their ferrets during a pet program in Romulus. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

members and \$28 for non-members of the Westland Therapeutic Recreation group. The aerobics can even be joined by those in wheelchairs. After the exercise period a healthy dinner will be provided. Contact 734-722-7620 for further details.

DIABETES SUPPORT A program to help adult diabetes sufferers with their diets and other issues will be addressed at a meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, located at Five Mile road and Levan in Livonia. At this meeting Medicare/Medicaid assistance programs will be discussed. For further information call 1-800-494-1650.

HALLEY'S COMET Will be performed on stage by noted TV star John Amos and others at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit. Five performances are planned from Jan. 28-Feb. 1. The show is a moving story about an 87-year-old man, who shares the memories of a life-

time with Halley's Comet, which he saw at the age of 11 and continues with a cast of characters he has seen since that time. Amos starred in Roots and Good Times. For further information call 313-963-2366.

PRINCESS DI BEANIE BABY A silent auction for a Princess Di Bear and Princess ring is being conducted by the Susan B. Ashlee Co. of Livonia. Mail your bid (list item wanted) with your name, address and phone number to "Beanies to Help Children," Susan B. Ashlee Co., P.O. Box 51743, Livonia, MI. 48151 or call 313-422-8700. Funds will be used to aid Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

CHOIR AUDITIONS Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition for the Schoolcraft College Community Choir at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and 20 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile road in Livonia. The choir is directed by Donald Stromberg. To schedule an audition call

choir president Shari Clason at 248-349-8175.

AMPUTEE SUPPORT Ongoing education and support for persons with amputations, their family and friends. Guest speakers are provided. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site of St. Joseph's Hospital. Further information call 313-712-3546.

BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT An educational program and support group for persons diagnosed with brain tumors and their families and friends. Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in the McAuley Cancer Care Center at the Ann Arbor site of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information call 313-712-3658.

HEART TO HEART Designed for the cardiac patient and family members. Offers a chance for patients to meet with others who share similar concerns. New groups form on a regular basis. Meets in the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the Ann Arbor site at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. For further information contact 313-712-3546.

XMAS DANCE An Xmas Dance for adults 21 and over starting at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft road west of Inkster road in Livonia. Dressy attire is required, no bluejeans. Tickets \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the West Side Singles organization. For further information call 313-981-0909.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE For adults 21 and over, advance tickets cost \$20, \$25 at the door. Slated at the Burton Manor, Schoolcraft road, west of Inkster road in Livonia from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Will feature cash bar, Disc Jockey, Top 40 music. Assorted hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, party favors and balloon drop at midnight. Further information call 313-981-0909.

TOYS FOR TOTS Collections will continue through Dec. 19 at the Huron Township Chamber of Commerce office at 36974 Huron River drive in New Boston, the Mans Building Center, 36500 Sibley road and the Huron-Clinton Metro-parks Office at 17845 Savage road in Belleville.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL Dance for those 21 and over at the Airport Ramada Inn, Merriman and I-94 in Romulus. Begins at 8 p.m. under sponsorship of Saturday Suburban Singles Dance Parties. Fashionable attire urged, no jeans permitted. Tickets cost \$4 each (\$3 before 8:30 p.m.). Hotline is 313-842-0443.

NEW YEARS EVE Dance to begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Karas House Banquet Facility, 23632 Plymouth road, one block east of Telegraph in Redford. Tickets cost \$10 at the door, no reservations needed. Hot and cold buffet style hors d'oeuvres offered. Hotline is 313-842-0443.

ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE Romulus area resi-

dents are urged to bring their pets to the Romulus Animal Shelter 35255 (just off Wayne road) from 1 until 4 p.m. Dec. 22. Santa Claus will be on hand to have his photo with your pet for a \$2 donation, shelter officials said. All animals must be leashed or in a carrier.

COUNTY LIGHTFEST Wayne County's annual Lightfest is now in operation along Hines Drive and includes four and a half miles of giant animated displays and over one million lights. A minimum donation of \$5 per car helps the Lightfest operation. The light demonstration is available from 7 to 10 p.m. except for Christmas Day. Drivers are urged to enter at Hines drive and Merriman road in Westland.

WINTERFEST BOWLING The third annual Winterfest Bowling Outing sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce will be conducted from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Westland Bowl. Four person teams will bowl alternating every fourth frame. The cost is \$150 per team with the price including two drinks, a buffet dinner after the tournament, trophies and prizes. For further information call Dennis LeMaitre Event Chairman 729-9292.

WAKE-UP WESTLAND Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce, the meetings are held at 8 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Joy Manor. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will include a topic of "Employee Leasing and How to Hire." The meeting is being sponsored by Independent Carpet.

FIGURE SKATING An adult introductory precision team is being formed by the Westland Figure Skating Club for those who want to have fun and get good exercise. Practices will be from 6 to 6:50 a.m. on Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For more information call 722-1091.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL Free open volleyball sessions for those 18 and over are being offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the

second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy road in Westland. Baby sitting is provided. Call 722-3660.

WESTLAND MUSEUM The Westland Historical Museum is open to the public from 1 until 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. For further information call 326-1110.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE Grandma's Attic Sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) 1119 Newburgh road in Westland. For more information call 722-7632.

DANCE ACTIVITIES Senior citizen dance opportunities are being offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium of the Westland Shopping Center, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments are offered at 12:30 p.m.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES For more information on the Mothers of Multiples Club in the area call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

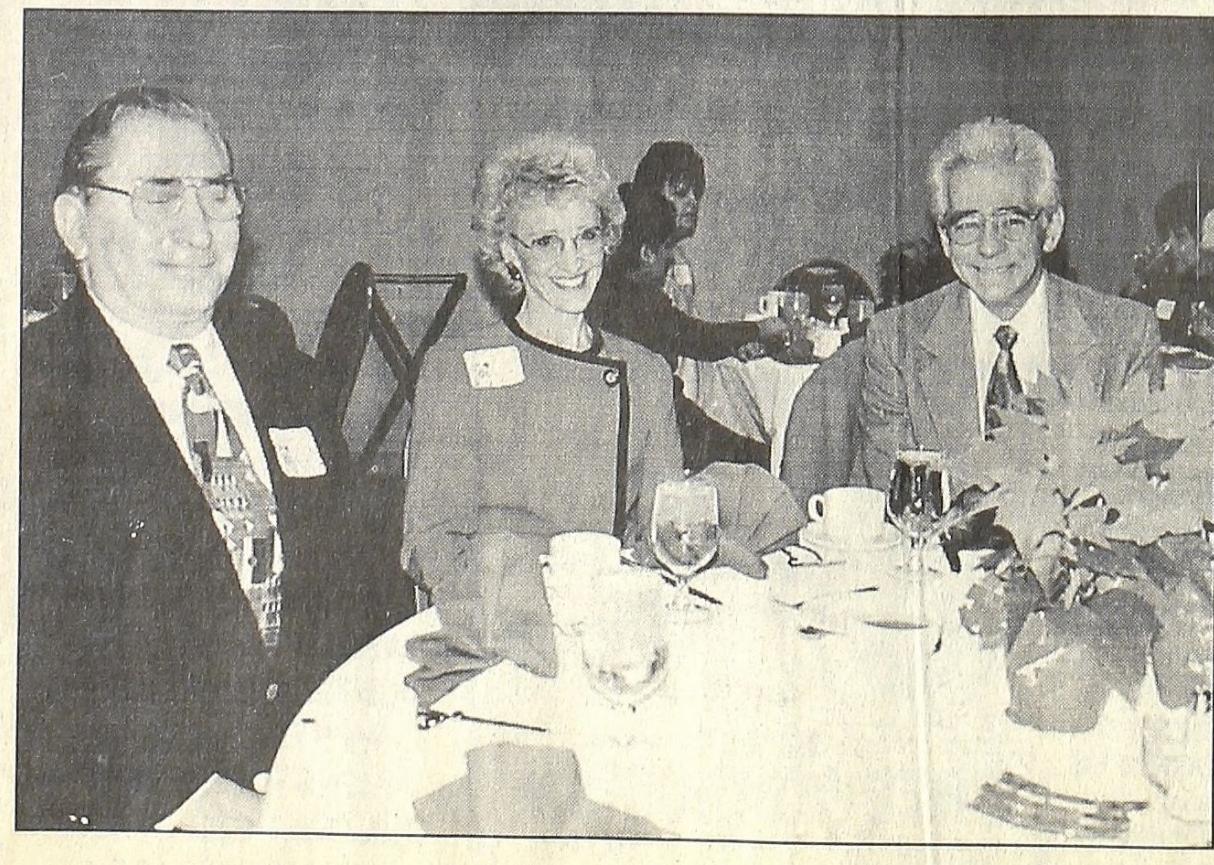
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS will be offering dances for single parents from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Jan. 9 and 10 at the Clarion Inn at 31200 Wickham in Romulus. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. For further information call Joyce 313-383-2474 or Mac at 313-278-7857.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF AMERICA The non-profit group conducts meetings the third Thursday of each month (Dec. 17) from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park. An attorney will be on hand to answer questions. Issues to be raised include: divorce, custody, visitation denial, child support, kidnapping, false charges etc. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Further information call 248-356-8303.



Prize drawing

Margo Dewey holds a basket of tickets for Wayne Chamber of Commerce President Alex Nafranowicz to draw numbers of poinsettia winners at a joint Wayne-Westland Chamber Christmas luncheon held last week. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner



Celebrating

Frank Acitelli, Jan German and Bob Korzi of American Jetway celebrated the holidays at the Wayne and Westland Chamber of Commerce Christmas party. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

CALENDAR FORM

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School bulletin board

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Glenn students put pennies to use

During the past two weeks, students at John Glenn High School raised \$3781 for charity in a very unique way. In addition to their regular holiday canned food drive, 9th grader Steve Tamaraglio suggested that the student council sponsor a school wide "Jar Wars."

Second hour classes competed to see how many pennies they could raise with the winning class receiving a free breakfast.

During the rest of the day students put silver coins and dollar bills in the "enemy" jugs. This money was subtracted from the pennies to determine the total count. Along with Steve, Sean Leonard and Brian DeGorgio counted the donation with the help of a coin counting machine loaned

to the school.

At the same time 6th hour classes were competing for a pizza lunch by bringing in non-perishable foods. Students Nicole Robertson and Brian Huber chaired the collection Committee which brought in 1,300 units of food. The winning class gave more than 500 units.

Money and food collected were given to the Civitans and the Salvation Army. Local businesses assisted the school's efforts. Melody Dairy donated milk jugs for the penny collection and Farmer Jack gave grocery bags for food. The National Bank of Detroit in Westland took all of the change, more the 60 bags, waiving the counting charge.



Trophy presentation

Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, Stephanie Mead and Nankin Township Junior Miss Amy McKerracher were present when the Junior Miss trophy was presented to the school district at John Glenn High School last Friday. MCN photo by Jenny Johnson

School bulletin board

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

The following students made the Dean's list at Michigan Technical University for the fall quarter: Mark Robert Fixler, a senior in chemical engineering. He is from Westland.

Melody Lynn Papke is also from Westland. She is a junior in mechanical engineering. Clinton William Nemeth of Wayne is a freshman in civil engineering.

Three area residents made the Dean's list from Northwood University. They are: Lisa Craven, a senior, from Canton; Laura Logsdon, a junior from Canton; and Ronald

Schomer, a freshman from Westland.

Do you have questions about education? Send them to Kathleen Chorbagian, MCN, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184. She will answer questions submitted to her by area residents.

Kathleen Chorbagian served on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education for 10 years and is presently serving on the Wayne County Board of Education, in her 11th year. She is a member of the Wayne County Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Boards and the National Association of School Boards and is also a Michigan Certified Board Member.

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John Glenn Students helped the needy this holiday season. Pictured are Neil Thomas, principal, Brian DeGorgio, Sean Leonard, Steven Tamaraglio, Capt. Walsh, Salvation Army and Lorraine Brickman, assistant principal.

Students learn colors

No it wasn't a lesson in the fashions of the 1970s. It was an experiment to explore the scientific principals behind colors. Students in Christine Diehl and Sam Viechy's chemistry classes at Belleville High School conducted this experiment on Dec. 17.

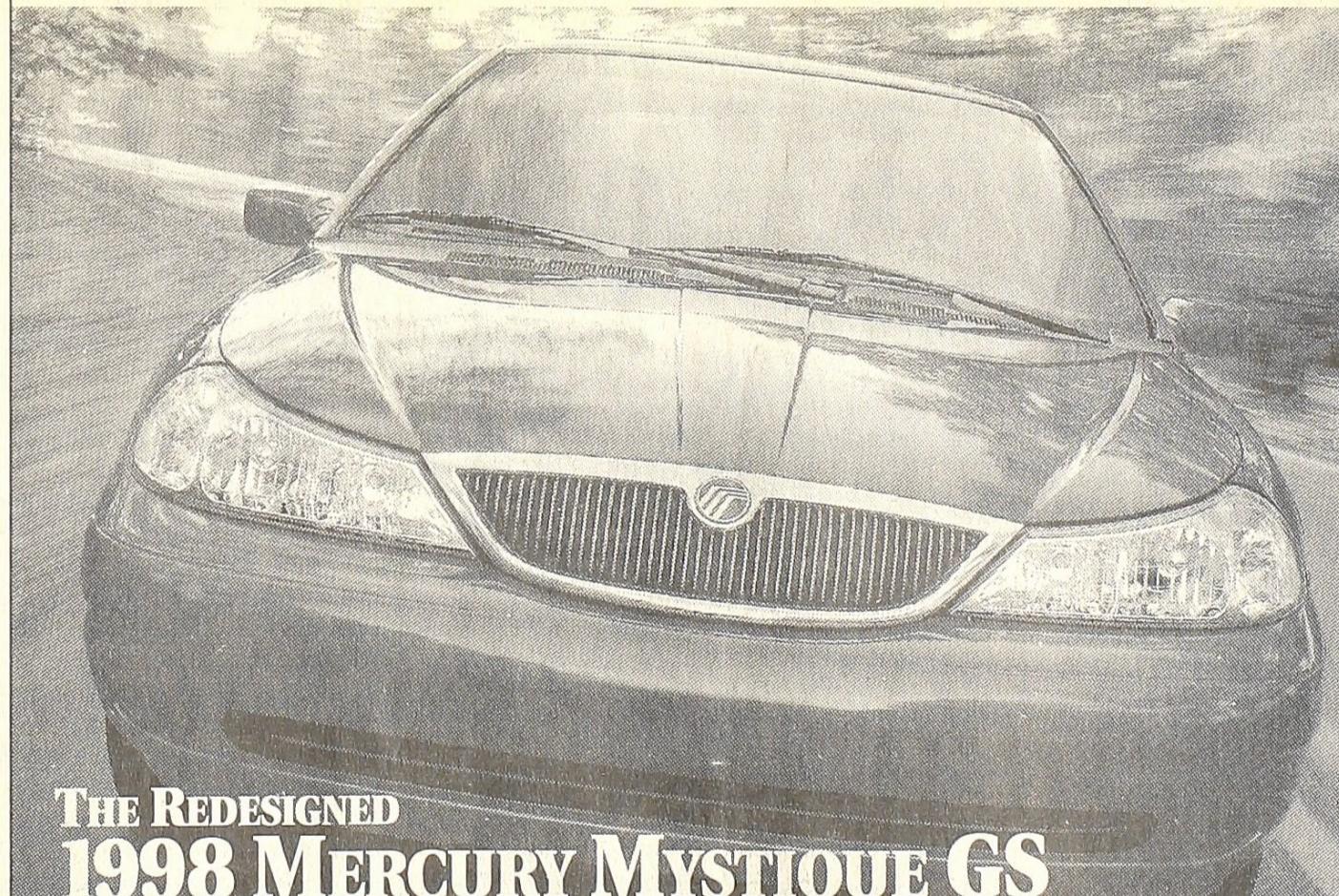
They tie-dyed t-shirts to find out why colors are what they are.

Most of us would be surprised to find out the indigo dye that turns blue jeans the deep blue actually starts out yellow.

Diehl said the exposure to the oxygen in the air actually triggers the transformation to the color blue.

Student began the experiment after a brief overview of the history of dying, beginning with the natural animal and vegetable dyes. Then they tie-dyed the shirts, trying to predict the results.

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An Eisenhower groupie still gushes, "I like Ike"

My favorite president was, is, and will always be Dwight David Eisenhower.



Ivan Helfman

Ike was also my favorite Republican, an old-fashioned Republican.

My thoughts turned to Eisenhower when Sen. Loren Bennett, a modern Republican, appeared in front of the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to claim credit for helping the district get \$3.5 million more than the settlement formula allowed.

Wayne-Westland was one of over 400 districts supposed to receive compensation according to a formula for the state's failure to pay for state-mandated programs for "at risk" pupils.

Apparently local legislators conspired to sneak the extra payment past other districts through the settlement legislation, but Bennett, for reasons not clear to me, decided to go public, perhaps alerting other districts to the inequity.

Tom Kelly, a modern Democrat who signed the legislation and therefore could've taken a large share of the credit, stayed out of the limelight, fearing that other districts would accuse him of favoritism toward Wayne-Westland.

With Kelly wisely maintaining silence, Bennett hogged the limelight.

This is where Eisenhower comes in. I think of the ways in which he contrasts with modern Republicans. First of all, Ike was no grandstander. Though he commanded the winning troops to victory in World War II, perhaps the greatest feat of the century, if not all time, he took little public credit.

Secondly, by generally adhering to Republican principles, such as protectionism, closed borders, and a foreign policy based on American, not global, interests, Eisenhower achieved unparalleled peace and prosperity.

In contrast, Bennett lacks the modesty to let oth-

ers crow about his good deeds, and like most Republicans, he lacks principles. The lack of distinct Republican principles ticks me off more than grandstanding.

After all, grandstanding may be childish, but it doesn't hurt anybody. But the lack of distinct party principles makes it hard for our democracy to function.

How can we continue to take elections seriously when Michigan Republicans fail to offer voters a meaningful choices because they blur the issues?

Take the school issue. Tom Kelly represents the Democratic position, which is to fund public schools come hell or high water. This is a legitimate, popular position on which Kelly talks the talk and walks the walk.

Republicans, on the other hand, are ostensibly for holding schools accountable and for fostering competition, another legitimate position. Gov. John Engler proclaims himself a Republican when he says that he champions charter schools. Republican governors in neighboring Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin have all attempted to hold schools accountable.

But if all our local Republicans can do is offer voters in Canton and Westland a weak echo of the Democrats' position, then voters are disenfranchised because they have no choice.

Unfortunately, the Republican party has come a long way from the principled party of Ike, who left office warning the country about the military-industrial-complex, the best advice since George Washington warned Americans to avoid foreign entanglements in his "Farewell Address."

Now we have Republicans like Bennett, who agree with Democrats that unaccountable schools deserve as much money as their local legislators can hustle for them. If that's the choice, I prefer real Democrat like Tom Kelly, not pretend ones.

But I would prefer to vote for a conservative Republican like Eisenhower I like Ike.

Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN by PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

International Relations

Strengthened by Strange Customs

Dear Percy: My next door neighbors are immigrants from Russia. Nice people and hard working. They have one child about a year old. She's very frail, having suffered from a premature birth with complications. In the four years we've been neighbors, the wife's greatest dream is to go back to Russia for a visit. She happens to have been a menopausal baby herself so her parents are quite elderly. Her baby is healthy enough to travel now and they had been saving for a 2 week trip. They scrimped and saved, doing without, just so they could go home and share the joy of their first born. She's done odd jobs for me, as has her husband (I'm a widow). Last week she was taking the \$600 they had earned to the bank when she was mugged and robbed. Broad daylight mind you, in a not-so-bad part of town. Now my little Russian friends can not make the trip and the sadness in the wife's eyes is more than I can bear. I suppose if I were a true Christian I would short myself and give them the money. My children would never forgive me, so I'm doing the next best thing by writing you.

Mrs. R. M.... American News,
Montevideo, MN

Dear Mrs. M.: When your neighbors make their trip to Russia, they can explain to their countrymen that in America there are two types of people: those who take and those who give. Count yourself among the latter group

because I'm mailing \$600 so you can present it to your neighbors. And if they balk at your generosity, just tell them it's another one of those strange American customs-to right a wrong and help your fellowman.



Dear Percy Ross: I have a list of Elf only's 20 miles long. You know, if only I had married someone else. If only I had graduated from high school. If only I had waited to have children. If only I hadn't rewarded myself with chocolate and gained 75 pounds over the last 10 years. I'm 27, divorced, have 3 kids, no education and am overweight. I finally realized that the secret to getting what I want is education. My logic is if I get an education, I can get a decent job. With a decent job I won't have to depend on an ax-husband who doesn't understand that the only way to pay child support is to work. As for my weight, I figure with my new found self esteem, I'll shed these unwanted pounds. I can get my education subsidized by grants, but have no money to buy books. My first year alone, books will run \$435. By the way, I have one more if only to add-if only I had written Percy Ross a lot sooner.

Ms. J. B.... The News, Saginaw, MI

Dear Ms. B.: You don't have the corner stone on having an endless list of "if only's" (I.O.'s). But what happens if I were to put a "U" on the end of that? Well, suddenly I'd have an I.O.U., which explains why I'm sending \$435. It's not that I owe you the money, but I do owe you the chance to make a better life. Best wishes for success.

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FOOTNOTES: What was the best Christmas gift you received?

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Belleville

A package with a note inside that said I'd be a grandmother.



Kids run wild, authorities do nothing

To the editor:

We live in north Inkster and are absolutely disgusted with the goings on here and the total impotence of our police department. Take a drive through our neighborhood on any given day and see the number of school aged kids roaming the streets when they are supposed to be in school. When I was a kid there was something called "truancy" and if a kid didn't show up in school, a truancy officer would come and get him. It was a law that a kid be schooled.

When we asked our child's school (John Glenn High School) why they don't enforce truancy their reply was, and I quote, "we don't like to do that". So the result is 12 to 16 year old kids roaming the streets, smoking cigarettes (which is also illegal the last I heard) and getting into trouble. Does the police department do anything about it either? Ha, Ha!

There is a drug house on our street (one of about three) that a

lot of kids hang out at every day. I have personally made numerous complaints about it. And do you know what I was told by one of our bold new patrol officers? I'll quote again, "we can't just kick down doors, You have to prove it". What the hell is this knucklehead getting paid to do anyway? We have a mother in the area who has stated her kid won't get in trouble for anything because she has a friend at the Inkster court. Well she's absolutely right. Her kids was reported for injuring an innocent passerby by shooting and hitting him with a paint ball gun. It wasn't an ordinary paint ball, but one that had been frozen solid in a freezer. The latest incident occurred with the same kid. He was stopped with a shotgun in his possession after allegedly threatening another kid with it.

What did the police do with him? You won't believe this, I still can't. They told him to "wait here" while they took the gun and went

to question the victim. Needless to say what happened to him. Just like mom promised, nothing. This kid is a one man crime spree but because mom has a friend in our court, this is how the police handle it. This is the service we pay so dearly for with our hard earned money through our taxes.

I thought our police department had been "cleaned up." I personally know one of the undercover agents who helped indict former Inkster officers. This city is in sorry shape and only getting worse. I'm ashamed to tell anyone I live here. And these delinquent kids whose parents don't give a damn are the ones who run this city and the police can't or in the case of this kid, won't do a darn thing about it. Wake up people. These youths are going to be the ones running our country someday. I hope I don't live long enough to see it!

Very sincerely
Disgusted Citizen

Christmas wishes supported

To the editor:

I would heartfully like to express my most sincere and truly deep appreciation re: relative to, of, and for the ongoing annual Christmas Wish Project. Many prayers, warm high fives, and endless supply of kudos to MCN, businesses, community organizations, residents and everyone involved. All who work hard, very conscientiously, most diligently time and again, progressively ever forward, thus keeping the precious spirits and meanings, which are priceless, alive and fruitfully successful.

Many personal needs could be

sincerely mentioned. Some are, in many ways vitally important, of due concern in being so addressed. We have to love and care for one another.

However, in some connective light, may it be stated with hopes and prayers and all very due respects, may as many as possible requested wishes and dreams being sent to MCN become a radiant reality.

Thank you sincerely in love, hope and prayer.

Robert E. Derda
Westland

WQRS demise leaves void

To the editor:

What is the purpose of National Public Radio? WDET-FM advertises itself as the "alternative" music radio station where you can find music that is not commercially available elsewhere.

But the station manager says she has no interest in taking up the slack produced by the demise of WQRS.

Why not? The cultural community should address its attention now to WDET. Write and call the Wayne State University Board of Governors. They are elected folks perhaps more responsive than a university employee.

Martin Burwell

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Congratulations to conservationists

Michigan Community Newspapers, along with national, state, county and local leaders, sends its congratulations to the Huron Valley Conservation Association on its 30th anniversary.

When the group was founded in 1967 by a group of local sportsmen its focus was the protection of Belleville Lake and its surrounding environment.

While the HVCA continues to focus its attention on preserving the lake and enhancing the area surrounding it, the local association has broadened its influence to include an active youth program.

Believing that the future of the HVCA -- and for any club or organization -- is in the youth of today, the association is pursuing an active program for youngsters and teens.

During the past several years, the HVCA has sent young people to the Michigan United Conservation Club's Youth Camp, provided Tracks magazine to area schools, sponsored annual fishing clinics and hunter safety courses and has organized field trips to Crosswinds Marsh, Lake Erie and Oakwoods Metroparks and Belle Isle plus canoe outings, museum visits and nature study events.

We congratulate the Huron Valley Conservation Association on 30 years of service to the area through its educational programs and its joint efforts with governmental units to promote conservation education.

We especially recognize and encourage their work with youth -- those who will bring the message of conservation into the 21st century and beyond.

Who is McNamara's puppet? Not Patterson

To the editor:

Have you heard the rumors? Sure you have. They are all over the street. This politician is running for that office and that politician is running for this one in 1998. My copy of the Dec. 4-10, 1997 Romulus Roman had editorials, columns and stories about different candidates running for office next year.

Well, perhaps that is why I, and others, have heard certain vicious comments from Mayor Oakley about our Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson. The Mayor has accused Bruce of being ineffective. But is that the case, or is Mayor Bill just the puppet of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

And, doesn't this really play into the judicial campaign of Mayor Bill's son, Brian. After all, one of the rumors that was circulating was that Commissioner Patterson was considering a run at the judgeship of Henry Zaborowski. Who among us believes that young Brian Oakley could beat an ex-

perienced attorney like Commissioner Patterson in a race in the 34th District?

It is sad to say, but clearly Mayor Bill is attempting to "feather his nest" at the expense of Bruce Patterson's reputation. Commissioner Patterson has worked tirelessly throughout the District winning wide acclaim from newspaper writers, local leaders, and just plain folks like me. Has Mayor Bill helped to get anything done about the terrible airport noise we have to endure? No! He doesn't even attend the meetings.

Next time you see Mayor Bill Oakley, ask him who he thinks is doing a better job -- Ed McNamara or Bruce Patterson. Then ask him what he thinks about the Romulus zoning law changes Ed McNamara wants so that he is empowered to create his "Grand Trade Corridor" concept. I bet Oakley supports those zoning changes. Can Bill Oakley name a better Wayne County Commissioner? If he offers an opinion ask him to explain why this individual is better than Com-

missioner Patterson. Also, ask the Mayor if he thinks the previous Commissioner was better for the 11th District. After all, it was that guy, Commissioner Brian Ammann, who came off of Ed McNamara's personal staff and wrote the Noise Mitigation program (Plan 150) that the FAA later approved and now we are forced to live with and endure.

Mayor Oakley, tell the people the truth. You are in the pocket of Ed McNamara because you are afraid of him, so every time he says "roll over" you do and for that little trick he gives you a little bone as a treat.

Now, your trick is to get your son, Brian, elected judge so that you can further the Oakley Dynasty. Well, I am going to call you on that one. Listen up neighbors, those rumors you are hearing can be traced right back to Mayor William (Just call Bill) Oakley and they sound like dirty politics to this listener. What do they sound like to you?

Name withheld by request

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Warm wishes for a joyous holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

Parents unite for parking

To the editor:

There is an issue at hand in which our community is not working together to protect our children. I think this is an important issue that others in our community need to be aware of. Would you please print this in the next issue of your paper? Thank you in advance for your concern for our children regarding this matter.

Free Spirit Day Care is located at Wayne County Community College. This is a 24-hour-a-day child care service. Many parents depend on being able to use the service at Free Spirit. Most day care programs close their doors at 6 p.m. This poses a dilemma for parents that work later or that work second or third shift. The 24-hour day care is widely used because parents need this service.

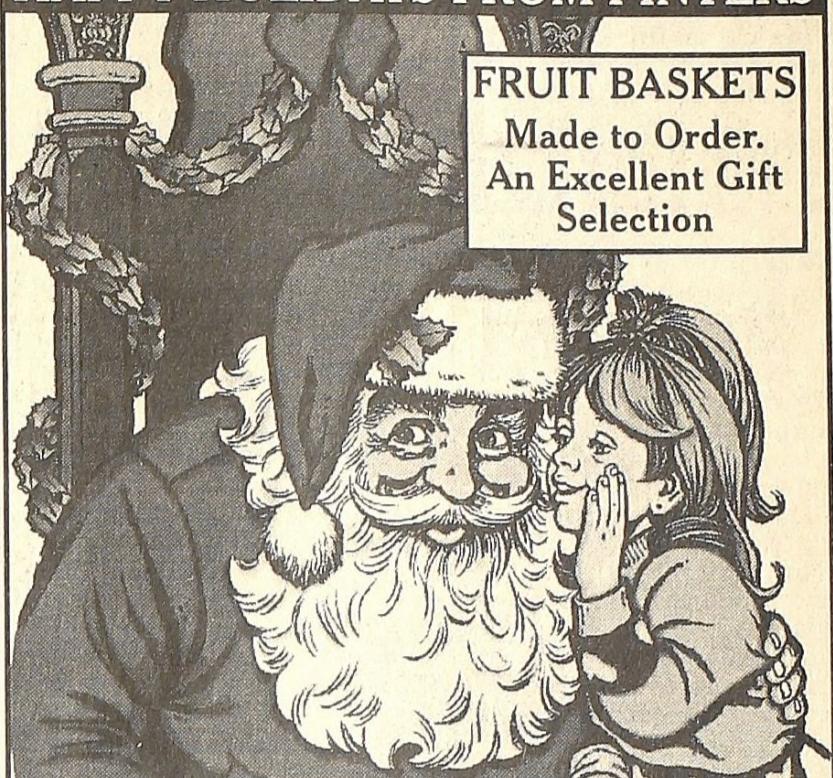
The Wayne County Community College is currently making it difficult for parents that take their children to Free Spirit. The college has in the past allowed the parents to park in the few spaces in front for visitors and handicapped when they are dropping off and picking up their children. The College has now decided to not allow parents this luxury. Parents are on busy schedules, but this is not the only reason this is causing a problem for the parents. There are a great number of children that are being picked up, and dropped off during times when it is dark outside. The walk from the lot is a good distance, it is not visible from the front doors, and the guard is unable to see the parents walking up. This is an unsafe situation. Most of the parents are female, but regardless, when one is carrying a baby it would be hard to protect themselves if someone were to assault them. Many of the parents have mul-

tiple children at the day care. One family in particular has a set of infant twins and a toddler. It is not only the parents that are being put at risk. The children of our community are being put at risk exiting and

entering a facility that houses their child care provider. The parents have rallied together to form "Parents for Results" to advocate for the safety of their children.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer

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News from area churches

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Church News

A new contemporary-style Canton church, having just completed a massive phone survey of the non-churched residents of the township, plans to open its services at the Summit on the Park in January.

Senior Pastor Mike Norton, now a Canton resident, said printed informational packets will be mailed soon to about 1,700 families (90 percent listed as unchurched) in the greater Canton area alerting them to the evangelical Christian church's opening at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 11.

In addition to Canton residents, Norton said, the surveyors also called residents on the fringes of Wayne and Westland.

The services will be thematic -- using a basic theme through an entire service and incorporating high energy Christian praise and worship music and dramatic elements, Norton said.

The new contemporary services are being created to attract those who have long said that church is "too boring."

Norton announced also that Peter Dodge of Belleville has been named as the church's music minister. Previously Dodge served in a similar capacity at the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, Open Heart Minis-

tries of Belleville and Trinity Wesleyan of Southgate.

Also named to the young staff are: Howard Matthews, youth services director, of Canton; and Andrew Schleicher, administrative assistant, from Van Buren Township.

Norton revealed the new church is being called The Canton Friendship Church, affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It has rented the Walnut Room at the Summit for the Sunday morning services, and three other rooms for nursery and children's ministries.

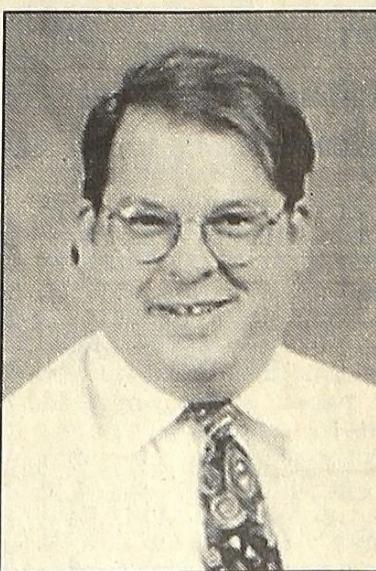
The church's administrative office is located at 6112 N. Canton Center road in Canton.

For more information call Norton at 451-2100.

A Peanut Butter Christmas musical presentation is planned at Victory Baptist Church in Belleville at 6 p.m. Dec. 21.

According to John Moore, "whether you like your peanut butter smooth or crunchy," you will enjoy this story about a family who get stranded in a blizzard on Christmas day and ultimately learn the real meaning of Christmas.

Following the presentation, those in attendance will be invited to share cookies and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Moore reported.



Peter Dodge

The public is invited to attend the presentation. The church is located on Savage road, one half mile east of the 5 Points intersection.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army has launched a \$110,000 fund drive this holiday season to help provide food and toy baskets for needy area families this Christmas.

Capt. Mark Welsh, corps commander, said the funds will also be used to provide emergency food, shelter and clothing year round.

Last year's goal was \$100,000, Welsh said, and that was surpassed by \$3,000. Thus this year's goal was raised by 10 percent.

In addition SA volunteers will be visiting nursing homes to deliver holiday gifts and cheer, Welsh said.

This SA corps serves Wayne, Westland and Romulus.

SA volunteers also will be ringing bells at the red kettles through Christmas eve. Additional volunteers may call 722-3660 to determine volunteer time schedules, he said.

Checks also can be mailed to the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy road in Westland, 48186.

Area pastors, who are or wish to get involved in the growing international Christian men's movement known as Promise Keepers, are being invited to a free regional clergy conference in Indianapolis, Ind., on March 12.

Last year PK conducted one massive clergy conference in Atlanta, but now has decided to offer nine across the U.S. to cut down on the travel time pastors need to spend to get and return from such conferences.

Founder Bill McCartney said the conferences are being offered to "gather a diverse group of Christian clergy for personal spiritual renewal, for a continual challenge to reconciliation, for building community relationships through prayer and for positioning the church for revival.

Pastors need to call the toll

free number of 1-800-888-7595 to register at least five weeks in advance.

An Alzheimers Disease support group has been formed at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton. The next meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18. The sessions are facilitated by social worker Rosemarie Shim, who has worked with such patients and families for 14 years.

A Sunday school Christmas Eve Pageant is slated for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Boston.

Later that night, a candlelight Christmas Eve service will be conducted at 11 p.m. A Christmas Day service is also slated at 10 a.m.

The church, located at Ellis and Craig streets, also will offer a New Years Eve service.

A Christmas musical program *Three Wise Men and a Baby* will be performed at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago Street, Livonia.

The children's choir from St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne (grades 5 to 8) has been accepted to perform at the EPCOT Center in Disney World from May 21-24, 1998.

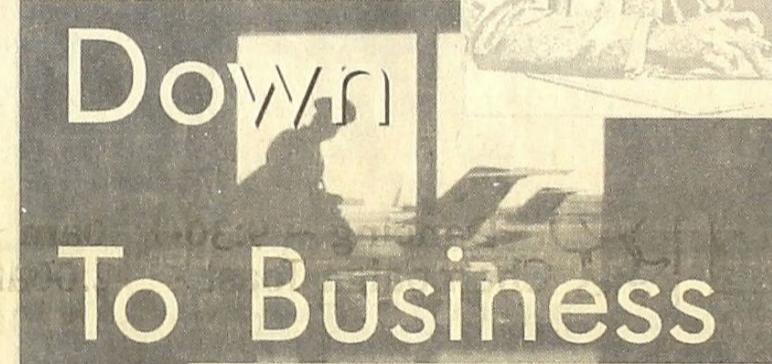
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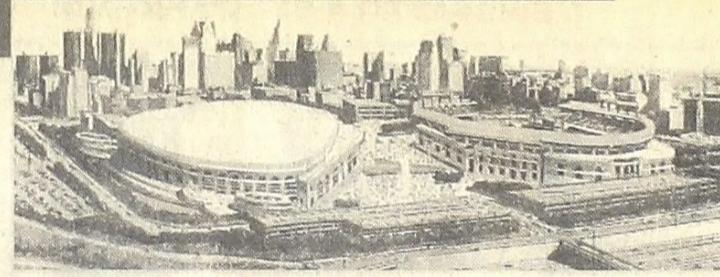
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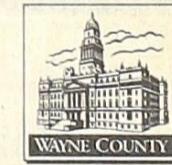


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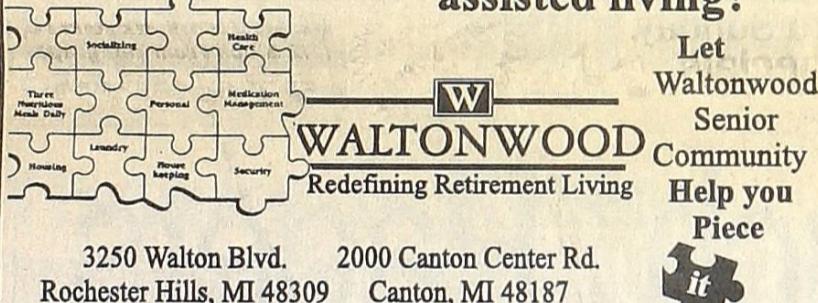
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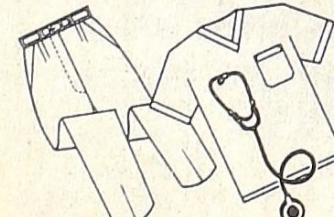
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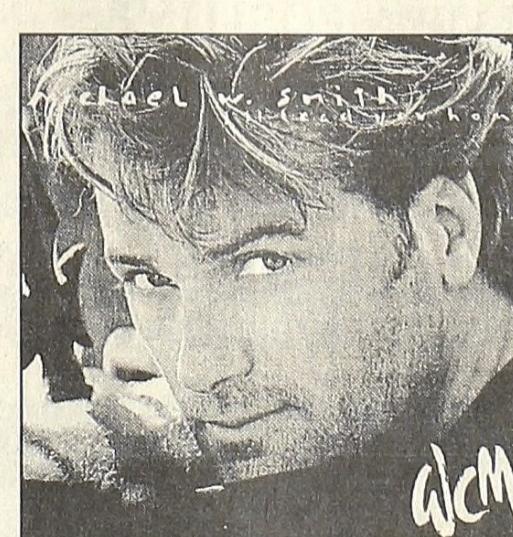
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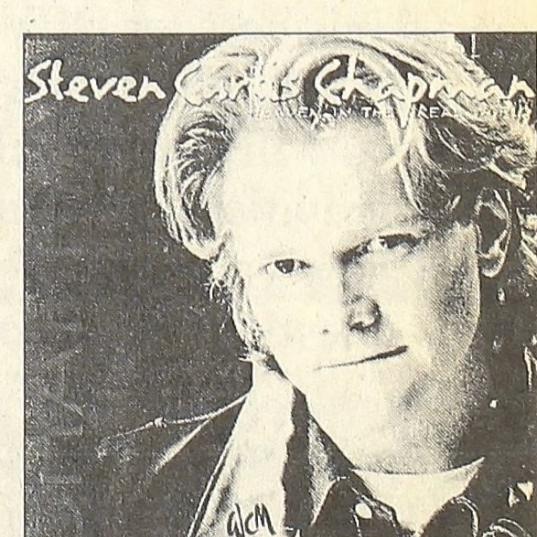
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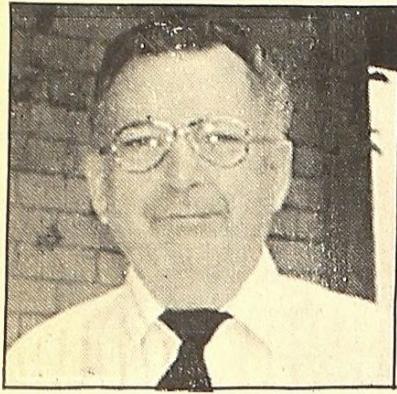
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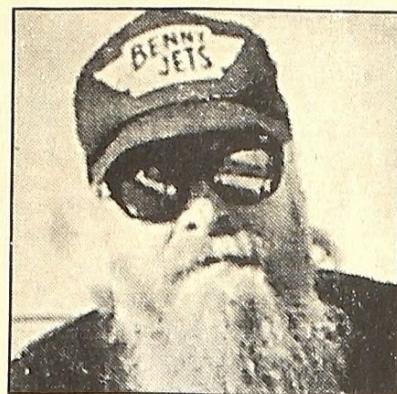
New Year's Eve options abound



Bob Harris

That Bob Harris what a guy, you can't take him anywhere without someone recognizing him, or telling a story involving him or someone he has worked with. Bob and I were at Greg's Bar and Grill on Palmer and Merriman where Ron Cameron's name came up. You might remember Ron, a former writer for the Michigan Community Newspapers, as the Super Fan, who has a radio show on WXYZ, several TV shows including one on ch. 20 with former Tiger pitcher Dennis McClain as his co-host.

Well it turns out Ron had worked there, which lead to some funny stories probably best left at the bar not here in our column. So, Ron now has a radio station in southern California, Bob Harris is concentrating on increasing the distribution of the Eyewitness and Michigan Community Papers, and ME, still playing in the Benny and Jets Band, listening to Bob's stories, while we write this column and my



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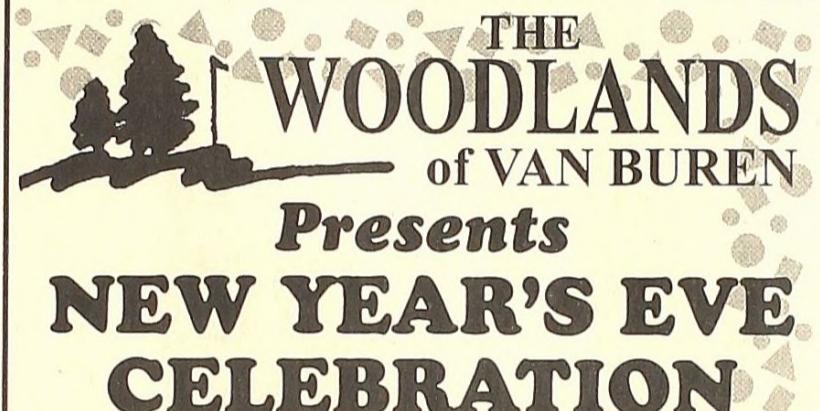
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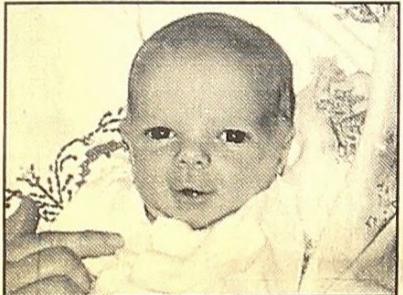
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Hunter Scott Mitchell

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Hunter Scott Mitchell was born at 8:20 p.m. Sept. 23 at Botsford Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The parents are Leslie and Scott Mitchell of Dearborn Heights. The grandparents of Hunter Scott Mitchell are Ron and Libby Erickson of Wayne and Carol and Gary Reynolds of Westland. His great-grandparents include Hazel Rich of Wayne, Grace and Delbert Erickson of Homer, and the late Sylvia Ballard of Wayne.

Tofil, Kinnick to report

Marine Pvt. Scott M. Tofil, son of Jerry G. and Barbara A. Tofil of Middleburg Court, Canton, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School of Plymouth, Mich., joined the Marine Corps in May 1997.

Marine Pfc. Michael J. Kinnick, son of Donald M. and Susan G. Kinnick of Otter Road, Belleville, Mich., recently reported for duty with Inspector and Instructor Staff, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Perryburg, Ohio.

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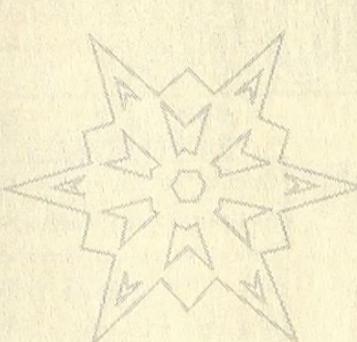
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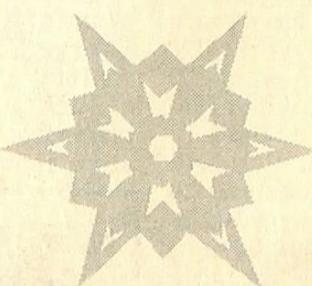
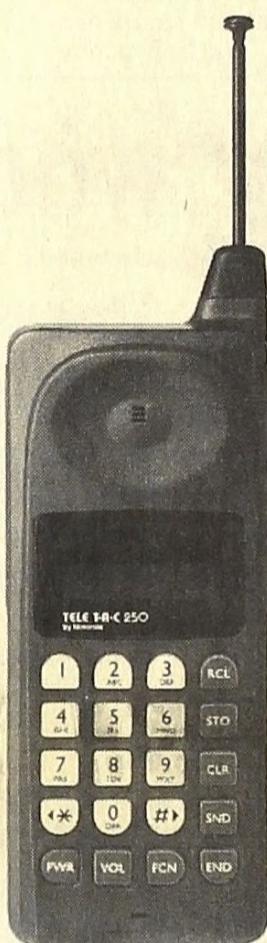
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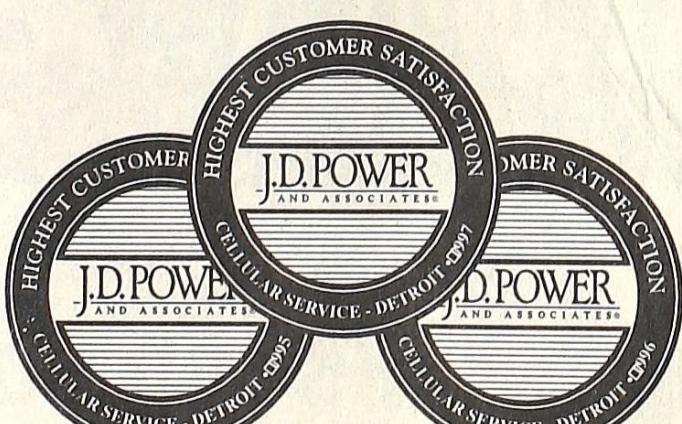
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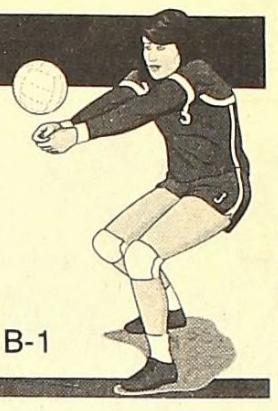
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Wayne, Salem make immediate impact

'Riches-to-rags' champs win pair

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial may be the *riches-to-rags* team some high school hoop prognosticators pick them to be this year, but their predicted turnaround didn't happen the first week of the 1997-98 season.

Looking more like the team that won three consecutive Mega Conference Red Division titles and made three successive appearances in the Class A state quarterfinals, Wayne had that magical touch - and more - to dispatch Plymouth-Canton into the loss column, 60-48, in the season opener.

Then, on Friday, before a packed house in the Wayne basketball arena, coach Chuck

Henry's hung on to beat a tenacious Westland John Glenn 56-50 to make it two straight.

The victory also gave Wayne the bragging rights in the Wayne-Westland School District for the fourth straight year.

"It was a nice way to begin the season," said Henry, who is rebuilding a team that lost all five of last year's starters that carried the team to a first-ever appearance in the state semis before losing to state champ, Grand Rapids Ottawa.

It isn't going to get any easier for the defending champ.

Wayne will begin the defense of its divisional title Friday night at Ypsilanti High School. The Braves are one of four divisional newcomers,

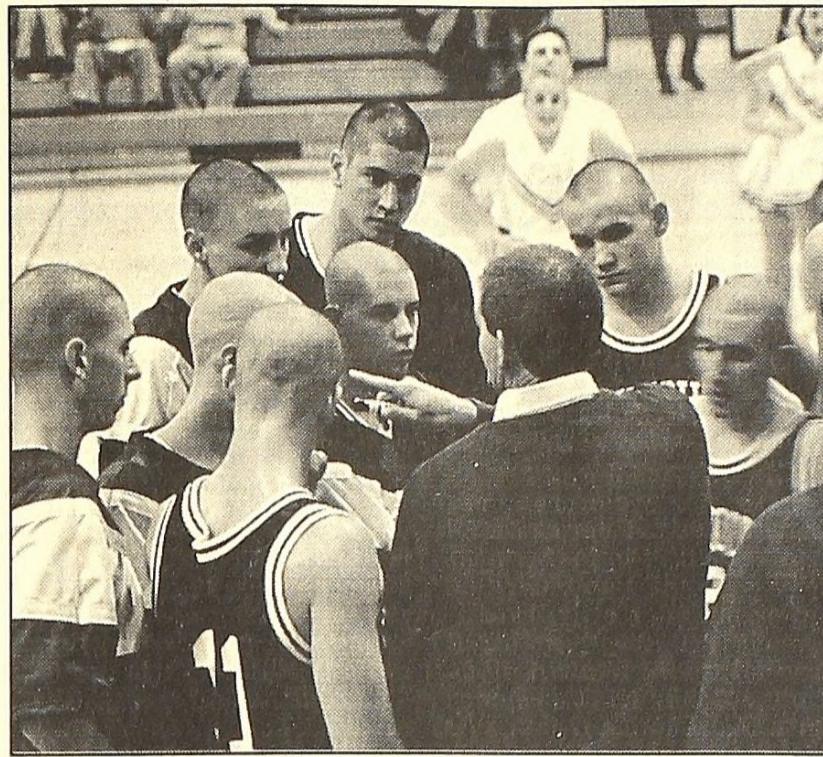
(River Rouge, Inkster, and Willow Run are the others).

The Zebras will be on the road for the first time this year when they travel to Ypsi.

On Dec. 27, Wayne has a non-conference duel in Birmingham where they will clash with one of the better Catholic League teams in Brother Rice. During the holidays, Wayne also will be playing in Cobo Hall, in the Superintendent's Holiday Tournament, hosted by the Detroit Superintendent of Schools.

In the opener against Canton, a 10-0 Wayne run early in the fourth quarter broke Canton's attempt at a comeback.

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Hell of a week for Rocks

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was one hell of a week for Plymouth-Salem's Rocks and their veteran coach Bob Brodie.

And another one like it and you can bet that Brodie will be making some drastic changes in his starting lineup.

Salem, picked as one of the top teams to watch in the area during the 1997-98 hoop season, apparently choked in its first two starts. No, not the Latrell Sprewell kind of choke, but like in "opening night jitters", and that led to atypical (for Salem) back-to-back losses to Monroe (the opener) and Ann Arbor Huron.

And if just happened to step on terra firma from Mars, Sprewell, late of the Golden State Warriors, is the franchise player who had his \$32 million NBA contract nullified because he said that he was going to slam dunk the ball into his coach, P.J. Carlesimo's, windpipe.

While Sprewell was breathing heavy with apology-after-apology in hopes of resurrecting his contract, Brodie was out of breath trying to put some life into his team that suffered a 66-59 setback at the hands of Monroe last Tuesday and dropped dead (for all purposes) in the fourth quarter and lost a 60-54 decision to Ann Arbor Huron.

That is not the way the season was supposed to go for Brodie or the Rocks.

The loss to Huron apparently hurt twice as much (if that's possible) because the Rocks enjoyed a 11-point lead before their collapse.

Commenting afterward, an obviously disappointed Brodie noted that his team didn't execute or play at the intensity of its capabilities.

In fact, he said, "We didn't play at all."

Brodie went on to offer that, "We can't just show up for games. We got to play them. There are no cakewalks in this schedule, and our kids better understand that."

The Vikings managed to come away with a medal thanks to Michael Franklin's performance. He finished fourth in the 125-pound class.

In a field of 17 teams, Inkster wound up 14th.

Northville dominated the GC tourney with 215.5 points, while Livonia Stevenson was runnerup (139) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis had 135.5 points.

Off of their performance at Garden City, Annapolis could be the new Blue Division wrestling king. The new alignment includes Highland Park, Wil-

son and Southfield.

On the positive-side, Salem

managed to place two

players in double figures. Jeff McKian had 12, and Matt Mair

tossed in 10.

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DeYampert, Hicks ride shotgun for Romulus' speedy stagecoach

By TOM MOORADIAN
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Behind a pair of 23-point performances by sharpshooters Brandon DeYampert and Melvin Hicks, Romulus shot down Ann Arbor Pioneer 92-57 in the season's basketball opener for both teams.

The fast-moving Romulus stagecoach, which made a brief stop Tuesday night at Dearborn Heights Robichaud for a crossover Mega Conference showdown, will not have time to rest for it's due for a big stress test Friday night.

That's when head coach Guy

DelGiudice and the Eagles drive over to River Rouge, where they will find one of the best, if not the best (in any class) team in the state of Michigan this year.

The Panthers will host the initial showdown between the two Mega Conference Red Division powers.

"We have read a lot about them," said DelGiudice, referring to Rouge, "and I am sure they have heard a lot about us. This will be an interesting match up."

DeYampert and Hicks eliminated the suspense element in the Huron game early. The

Eagles soared to a 19-6 first-period DeYampert and Hicks led the way.

At the halfway mark, Romulus had a 15-point cushion (37-22) which allowed DeGiudice to sub indiscriminately most of the second half. With Reggie Kirkland and Myron Gray joining the shootout, Romulus increased its lead 62-35 for three-periods before outscoring their visitors 30-20 in the final eight minutes.

DeYampert, a 6-2 senior forward, nailed 23 points and also

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never surrendered the lead in the second half. For three periods, Robichaud had a 10-point (59-49) bulge, then inflated the cushion with a 22-19 scoring edge in the finale.

Williams poured in 17 points for the winners, which had to contend with a highly-regarded Romulus Tuesday night. Malloy kept his athletic star sparkling as he accounted for 12 points and swept the glass for 12 rebounds. Davron Gray added 10 points for the Vikings.

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Robichaud also had an edge at the free throw line where the Bulldogs made 26 of their 38 opportunities as compared to Inkster's seven of 20 effort.

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2nd half rally lifts Bulldogs

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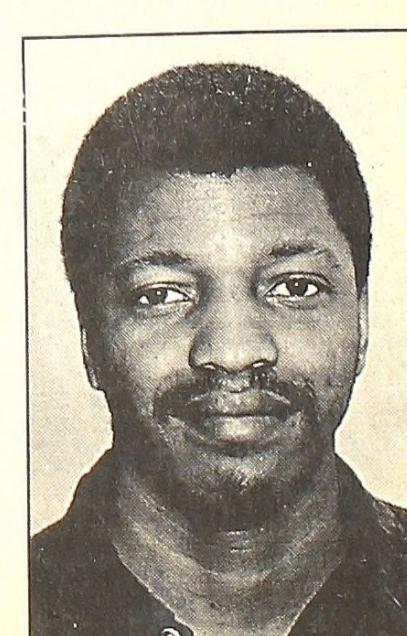
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Outscoring their opponents 24-3 and posting four consecutive victories - three by shutouts - earned the Westland Canucks (pictured above) the 1997 Little Caesars Hockey Tournament title. Michigan Community Newspapers special photo

Westland skaters capture Little Caesar's tourney title

Not only do they excel in hockey, but the Westland Canucks also are standouts in the classroom.

With more than half of the lineup boasting a 3.0 or better average academically, head coach Randy Brooks and manager Jim Fritz have placed on the ice a winning and an intelligent cadre of skaters on the ice this hockey season.

The Canucks recently showed what they can do, in hockey, at the Little Caesar's season opening tournament. The Westlanders outscored their opponents 24-3 in capturing the first-place trophy after a sizzling all-around team performance, according to Fritz.

In their first game of the tournament, the Canucks shut out Livonia's Devils, 4-0, in the opener. Then, they traveled to St. Clair Shores where they met a team that was ready for them in the Redford Senators.

In a heated contest, Westland came back from a 3-2

deficit to score three unanswered goals in the final six minutes to post a 5-3 victory.

The three goals that the champs gave up against Redford would become the only three scored upon them during the rest of the tournament.

The Canucks moved on to meet Mt. Clemens' Firebirds. They dispatched their rivals into the loss column, 6-0, before moving on to the semifinals where they clashed with the Keonosha Komets at the Ice Box.

Westland launched the Comets into orbit, with a 5-0 loss tied to its tail.

Three consecutive Westland victories earned the Canucks a shot at the tournament title. Waiting for them in the championship round was the Caledon Hills Lightning, a club from Ontario.

The Canadians were no match for their counterparts in Westland as the Canucks again shut out

their opponents 4-0 to wrap up the championship at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

Managers and coaches awarded Westlander Dylan Grube, the Canucks' outstanding goaltender, the MVP award.

The champs were led on defense by assistant captain Alex McLellan, Aaron Schwartz, Sterling Brooks, Ryan Sergison, Jim Rawson and Matt Billingsley.

The forwards on the tournament-winning Westland team included captain Brent Newsted, assistants Bill Fritz, Chris Horn, and Tony LaPere.

Other standouts on the team are forwards Darrell Platukas, Jeff Ruark, Ryan Ballinger, Jon Birchard, Ryan Murphy, Nick Simmons, John Thornhill, and Dave Tonegatto.

Team coaches include head coach Randy Brooks and assistant coaches Ken Newsted, Don Milligan, Jeff Bohnwagner and team manager Jim Fritz.

Hawkeye star Ex-Glenn pivotman receives award

Former Westland John Glenn basketball star Guy Rucker has been named the recipient of the Lohaus Men's Basketball Scholarship at the University of Iowa, school officials announced this week.

Rucker, who earned All-Area and All-Star recognition while playing for the Rockets,

is an Inkster resident.

The 6-9 pivotman, who knows how to put up the threes, is one of 39 athlete-scholars who were awarded scholarships.

Athletic Directors Bob Bowley and Christine Grant announced the names of the scholarship last week in con-

junction with the first-round of the Super Chevy Shootout Basketball Tournament.

"The generosity of fans who have chosen to create these scholarships helps solidify the future of Hawkeye athletics," said Mark Jennings, director of development for intercollegiate sports.

New Boston Huron's Ryan Honiker, 14-6, while teammates Jason Sienko (135) and Rob Theisen (152) earned bronze medals.

Davis and the Wolfpack get down to the serious business of Mega Conference competition tonight when they host visiting Dearborn in the White Division opener for both schools.

Mat

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low Run, Thurston, Redford Union, Rouge, Woodhaven and Inkster.

In the meantime, Wayne and coach Dave Davis traveled to the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational over the weekend and

picked up a third-place trophy. The Wolfpack finished third to Grosse Ile and Carlson in a field of 16 teams.

Wayne did produce one champ at Carlson. Jonathan Gregg turned back Craig Anderson of Grosse Ile in a close contest, 7-5, in the 112-pound category.

Keith Britt clinched a silver medal at 145, losing the gold to

Ride

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contributed eight rebounds, four assists and also had an equal number of steals.

Hicks, who also shares a forward spot with DeYampert, shared team scoring honors

with 23. He picked off four rebounds.

Kirkland scored 13 points and chipped in seven rebounds while Gray finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

However, Huron's Lavelle Blanchard walked off the floor with individual scoring

Rags

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Brian Williams drilled 13 of his game-high 22 points in the first half to stake Wayne to leads of 21-11 and 33-24 that they never relinquished. Late in the game, the Chiefs made their move behind junior guard Joe Cortellini, but it was too little and too late.

Cortellini, touted as one of the best junior guards in the state this year, turned in a superlative 21-point performance for the evening.

Canton came within seven of catching their hosts at the end of the third period. But

Rodney Borkins came up with two big baskets and Wayne closed out the third with a 50-37 advantage, then came back in the fourth with 10 unanswered points to salt the game away.

Dan McClean and Eric Larsen each scored 10 for the Chiefs.

Wayne dealt Glenn an early setback as Williams again came back with another strong performance. The 6-2 senior fired in eight of Wayne's 13 first-period points to lift them to a 13-9 lead. He added four more in a 26-22 advantage in the next frame.

Glenn led twice, by one-point, in the first half, but a 16-10 Wayne third period protected the hosts in the stretch.

Though the Rockets, thanks to sturdy performances by sophomores Eric Jones and Yaku Moton, kept within range, they never could muster enough scoring power to overtake their natural rivals.

Jones and Moton, two players that Glenn will build on, finished with 16 and 14 points. Williams who had 12 points at the half, wound up with individual scoring honors with 21. He canned seven of 10 free throws. Teammate Karl Calloway, who made five of six at the clutch free throws in the fourth quarter, chipped in with 11 points and six rebounds. Teammate Quentin Turner also swept the boards for six rebounds and scored seven points.

Brodie

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looked good at the free throw line where the Rocks capitalized on 11 of 14 opportunities. Monroe connected on 19 of 26.

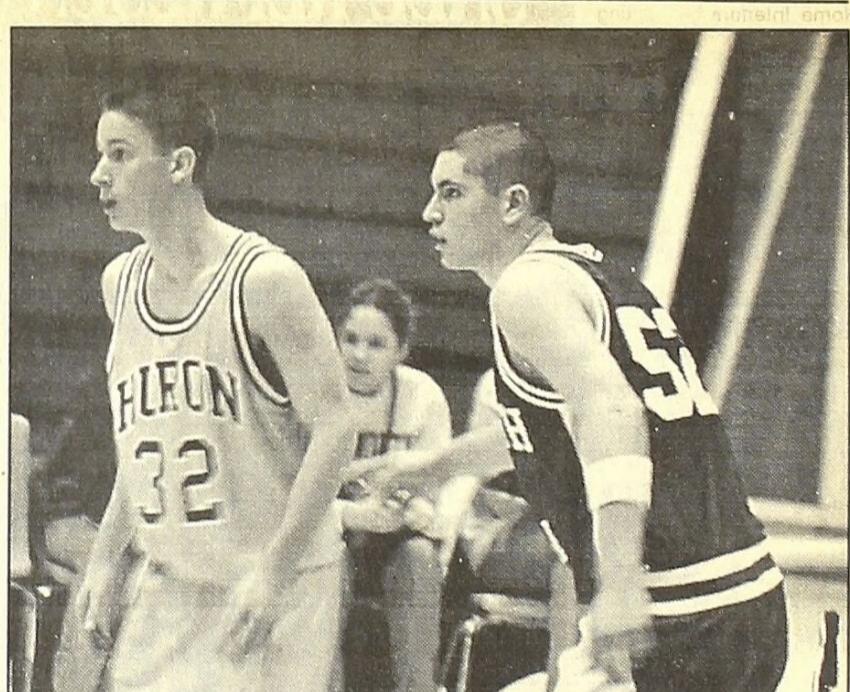
Up 21-13 at the end of the first period against a Huron team that appeared ripe for picking, the Rocks managed to build leads of 39-24 and 50-39 in the second and third periods, before the great fall.

Huron outscored their visitors 21-4 in the final stanza to stash away a 60-54 victory.

The Rocks wasted Andy Power's 19 points. They got 11 from senior Bhavin Patel.

Huron responded with three players in double figures. Lavar Sommerville scored 17 points. Raval Hunter and Nate Johns tossed in 14 and 11 points for the winners.

Brodie and the Rocks had another tough one Tuesday night. They were home for the first time this season to entertain (or be entertained) by Belleville. Belleville was seeking to make it two in a row after whipping Windsor in their



Salem's Ben Szczepanski (52) plays a cat-and-mouse game in the pivot during Salem's encounter with Ann Arbor Huron's River Rats. Michigan Community Newspapers' Special Sports Photo

opener.

After the Tuesday night encounter, the Rocks have a 11-day hiatus from the hoop wars. However, they will return to the hardwood on Dec. 27 when they will play in the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament.

The Rocks drew Allen Park Cabrini in the tourney opener, scheduled for 7:30. The winner of the Salem-Cabrini contest takes on the winner of the Gabriel Richard-Grosse Ile game.

The tournament championship will be decided on Dec. 29.

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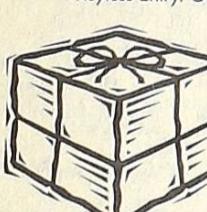
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Property Address: 18713 Van Born Rd., Allen Park

Amount Paid: \$1,410.49 taxes for 1997

Amount necessary to

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To the owner or owners of any and all interest in, or liens upon the land described:

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Amount Paid: \$1,024.25 taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$1,541.38 Plus fees of the Sheriff.

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DIRECT CARE STAFF
7/7 shift
\$7.00/hr.

Immediate openings, (313)942-1959, (313)513-5121 ask for Bernadine or Chris or Cathy at 397-3735.

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To work with mentally ill. Training provided. Must have transportation. Call 10am-5pm, ask for Herchel Hammonds, 525-0670.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Immediate opportunity for full/part time positions. No experience required. Up to \$7/hr. to start. Personal training, dental and health insurance provided. Assist and care for special population. 753-4804.

DIRECT CARE worker for small group home, Livonia area. Exp. preferred, but will train. Call 248-474-3520.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Can be proud to work in our group home near Belleville. All shifts available. \$7/hr. if trained. Good benefits. Call Diane, 313-699-7497.

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Needed in Westland. Must have valid driver's license and dependable for afternoons and weekends. Preferably trained. 721-3641.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Part time, to deliver for local Wayne County Newspaper. Must have own truck or van. Call 729-4000, ask for Rita.

DRIVER/SEMI
Romulus area. CDL/A License required. \$8 per hour to start with \$500 minimum guaranteed. 248-559-7744.

DRIVERS

4 drivers needed immediately. Eam up to \$10 per hour. Call Ed, 326-8990.

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People to work in group home. Will train. \$6.50 to start, full benefits. 728-2821 or 697-8339.

FRONT DESK CLERK & HOUSEKEEPING

Country Hearth Inn Bed & Breakfast I-275 and Michigan Ave., in Canton is hiring vibrant and outgoing individuals for the above positions. Positions available with BoRics in Wayne, Westland, Garden City and Livonia. Call Krista at 1-800-668-8484.

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Earn extra money selling subscriptions to your local paper. The more you sell, the more you earn. For more information call Andrea at 729-4000.

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Busy salons have immediate opportunities for professional stylists. Guaranteed \$6.25 per hour!
*Complete health benefits

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HELP WANTED

Need people to deliver products door-to-door, part-time. Call Bob Harris, 729-4000.

HAIR DRESSERS and nail techs for extremely busy hair salon, up to 70% commission. Call 313-453-1717, ask for Kim.

MATURE WAITRESS

Needed at **DALY RESTAURANT**

Apply in person only at 1622 S. Wayne Rd., Westland (just N. of Palmer).

LUMBER SORTERS

and haulers needed in Romulus area for outdoor work. \$6.70/hr with overtime, chance to advance. 248-559-7744.

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needed for Gastroenterology office in Wayne. 15-30 hours a week (no weekends). Experience in GI billing preferred. Contact Jennifer at (313) 729-6402 or fax resume to (313) 729-6405.

Send work history to:

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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day program working with

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benefits. 313-729-8470.

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seeks individual w/1-2 yrs experience in import brokerage.

Salary, commission w/exp.

Fax resume to: Attn, Im-

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*Front desk clerks

*Night auditor

*Maintenance

*Food and beverage

*Servers

*Cooks

*Busboys

*Dishwashers

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OFFICE CLEANING

Starting Jan. '98. 2 people

needed 4-5 days per week,

4-5 hours per night for new office, Haggerty Rd. in Belleville. \$7 per hour to start. Call Randy at

326-2891.

HOLIDAY CASH!!

GENERAL LABOR-

Canton, Belleville. All shifts. Long-term. Steel toe boots required. \$6+/hr.

ASSEMBLY- Wayne,

Canton. \$6-/hr. Light work, clean environment. Long term. 1st shift.

HI-LO- Romulus, Belleville. Licensed. All shifts. \$7+/hr.

MACHINE OPERATORS/

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Taylor. 1st & 2nd shifts. Evaluation hire. \$7+/hr.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL-

Canton. 11:00am to

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ASSEMBLY- Ypsilanti. All

shifts. Very light work.

\$7.21/hr.

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IMMEDIATE NEED!

ESTABLISHED BEVERAGE COMPANY HAS FULL TIME, ENTRY-LEVEL POSITION OPEN IN OUR DISTRIBUTION SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

You will need:

*Mechanical ability

*Some filter system and/or plumbing experience helpful

*Good communication skills/Excellent driving record

Benefits include:

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OFFICE CLEANERS

Progressive growing building maintenance company has immediate full and part time positions. Drug/alcohol free work place. Benefits, Call for info., 313-421-9254 or 1-800-851-6122.

LIGHT ASSEMBLY LINE POSITIONS

\$6.25/hr

(increase at 30 & 90 days)

Part time to full time work

*Must be able to work 10

hour shift. *Must be able to

work Saturdays, 1st shift,

Days 6am-4:30pm, 2nd

shift, Nights 6pm-4:30am.

Call Eli at 313-957-0268 or

Donna at 957-0269, 8200

Haggerty Rd., Belleville, MI

48111.

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Newspaper Advertising sales person for rapidly

growing Western Wayne

County newspaper group

to call on Auto Dealers in a

3 county area. Salary +

commission + mileage.

Full benefit package. Con-

tact Ron at (313) 729-4000

for appointment.

NOW HIRING!

All positions. Inquire within:

Bob Evans, 30987 Flynn

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RAPIDLY GROWING

local business seeks aggres-

sive, out-going, self-starters

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If you like meeting new

people each and every

day, we want to meet you.

Salary plus commission

plus health/dental insur-

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earning potential! Call Rita

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TRUCK DRIVERS

WANTED

\$7/hr. plus good benefit

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82. Wanted to Buy

PLASTICS

We are a Tier I manufacturer of automotive plastic injection molding products and a customer oriented supplier of interior and exterior plastic trim components with presses that range up to 1500 tons.

Supervisor

Well seasoned individual with a minimum of three years supervisory experience in injection molding with excellent people skills. Committed to continuous improvement.

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Members needed for Rehabilitation Team caring for adults with brain injuries. Afternoon shift available in 6 bed residential facilities in Belleville and Romulus. \$6.65 - 7.25 plus excellent benefits. Some positions require experience. Must be client oriented and have a team attitude. Good driving record, stable work history needed. Must be able to attend 6 days (daytime) of paid classroom training beginning 1-12-98. Complete application at 39010 Wabash, Romulus (between Hannan and Huron River Dr.), M-F, 9-4. 9420400.

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Has immediate full and part time openings. Medical/Dental Benefits, paid vacations.
Please apply in person Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at:
9309 Middlebelt Rd., (at Wick, next to McDonald's)

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Now hiring for Ann Arbor and Romulus areas. \$7.00 per hour. Uniforms furnished. All shifts available.

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TEACHERS
NEEDED NOW**

Second Grade Teacher position now open. Must have a B.A. or B.S. with valid teaching certificate. Substitute teachers also needed. Please send resume with credentials and letter(s) of reference to:

Elmira Frye Mosley
Executive Director
King Academy
1615 Henry Ruff Rd.
Inkster, MI 48141

33. Child Care

MOTHER OF 2 would like to watch your children. \$10 per day. Includes meals. Call Julie, 641-3101.

40. Business Opportunity

HOME TYPIST PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext B-3225.

WELL ESTABLISHED Grooming Shop in excellent Westland/Canton area for sale. Owner retiring. Excellent business opportunity. Call Terry at 722-6340.

47. Schools
EMS EDUCATION

Start your Emergency Medical Services career with classes at Huron Valley Ambulance Center for EMS Education. EMT classes begin in January. Paramedic classes begin in February. For info, call HVA at (313) 971-4211 ext. 131.

50. Pets & Supplies

AKC CHINESE Shar Pei, Pugs and Pekingese puppies, males and females. Shots and wormed. 941-0535.

LAB AKC 7 weeks old, chocolate, \$375 and up. Call (313)563-5504.

LAB AKC Yellow, male, obedient, trained, four months old, \$600. Call (313)563-5504.

KEROSENE HEATER, 10,500 B.T.U., like new with 2 gallon can, \$45. 721-3164.

BRAND NEW Queen Pillow-top matt-set, in plastic w/warranty. Cost \$800, sell \$295. 248-691-4468.

BRASS BED, King, new in box, with Pillow soft matt-set, (in plastic). Cost, \$1200, sacrifice, \$395. 248-691-4468.

COMPUTERS, COMPUTERS Computers! Cleaning out the office. 5 old computers, \$8 each. 5 Dot Matrix Printers, \$5 each. 1 practically new Macintosh Color Ink Jet Printer. All must go! 248-349-0228.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, solid oak, recessed light, with fold out desk top made of inlaid oak. Measures 30" wide, 80" high and 18" deep, \$125. 313-326-8238.

LIMOGES CHINA large oval covered tureen/casserole, stamped Haviland & Co. Limoges, France, exquisite collectable antique. White trimmed in 14 kt gold w/delicate floral design in olive and rose, \$100. 313-326-8238.

ONE TREADMILL, (not electric), rowing machine, 2 exercise bikes, 2 regular bicycles (man & woman). 729-5174 leave message.

SIX PERSON tent, \$75; matching couch & love seat, \$125. 313-981-0483.

89. Apartments for Rent

SMITH CORONA word processor, (PWP3800), 7500 word dictionary, thesaurus, 64K RAM, 3.5" disks, merge, excellent condition, \$175. Call 522-8711.

THREE PIECE wall unit, walnut finish, \$295. Call 981-4593.

DOG HOUSE, wood w/vinyl siding, shingles, pitched roof, 29" wide x 29" long x 34" high, \$50.

DOLL CRADLES, hand-crafted, wonderful Christmas gift, \$30 (22") and \$10 (14"). **BEANIE BABIES**, 52 styles of currents, \$9. **Maile**, \$90. Others avail, including new releases, \$10-\$25. **Tag protectors**, \$2.50. **BEANIE BABIES** (retired). Digger, \$55. Garcia, \$65. Splash, \$35. Radar, \$80. Tabasco, \$165. October retirees avail, from \$20-\$60. **SANTA BEARS** (Hudson's) wanted, 1985, 1989, 1995 in mint condition w/bags. **BEANIE BABIES**, wanted retired (pre-October). **PORTABLE STEREO**, Panasonic (Boom Box) w/dual tape deck & remote. Has graphic equalizer & detachable speakers, \$75. **TUNER/RECEIVER**, Onkyo Model TX903/901, \$75. 313-451-0560.

TWO TWIN oversized waterbeds, frame is padded brown, sides & headboard, mattress is silver seal, heater is Sunbeam, X-10, flooring is plywood deck, \$75 one w/o mattress is \$50. Call (313)728-7347.

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WHIRLPOOL SELF cleaning electric stove, \$60. Kenmore microwave, \$35. Ratan butterfly chair, \$20. 4 aquariums, 60 gallon and down, \$250 for all. 2 exercise bikes, 595-8208.

87. Rooms for Rent

TREADMILL, 1 YR. old, barely used, electronic, ProForm space maker, \$200. Call 699-5571.

TWO SMALL R.V. swivel rockers, \$15 each. Caning jars, small & large mouth, pints & quarts, \$2 doz. Rowing machine, \$25. Full size van cover, \$40. Lamp tables, all wood (one octagon shape, one dark wood w/drawer), \$30 each. Lock Smith stuff (key machine, code books, blanks, locks), \$300. Hydraulic boom, 3 ton, for pickup or trailer, new, \$150. Pictures & lots of other misc. 313-451-7297.

WASHER, DRYER and range, all clean, work excellent, \$90 ea. Call 641-2075 or 941-8967.

VINYL FLOOR Covering, Armstrong "Infini", 12ft x 7.5ft, basic color, 6' white squares with blue accent, enough to do two small bathrooms. Cost \$20 per yd, your cost for all 10 yds. is \$30. Call (313)728-7347.

INKSTER, AVONDALE/ Inkster Rd., 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths, freshly painted, new carpet. Section 8. \$650. 313-330-3550.

NEW MANAGEMENT Park Plaza Apartments, 33480 Michigan Avenue, Wayne. Winter specials: half off deposit, 2 bdrm./\$480 per month.

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88. Duplexes for Rent

THREE BR duplex, Norwalk, near Wildwood. \$560 plus deposit. 721-1618.

WESTLAND-NORWAYNE Call for list of available 2 and 3 BR duplex's, also single family. Norplex Associates, 722-6444.

89. Apartments for Rent

THREE BR duplex, Norwalk, near Wildwood. \$560 plus deposit. 721-1618.

TWO BR apts., heat, water, A/C. Large rooms, lots of closets. Clean & quiet. Mature persons welcome. Woodward St. in Wayne. \$475. 313-878-0859 or 722-3525.

WESTLAND Large 2 BR, newly decorated, appliances, heat. Cozy park-like setting.

\$515

Call 9am-7pm
722-9180

105. Mobile Homes for Sale

O DOWN, \$0 LOT

Available up to \$4000 cash back. Newer bank repos. 350 + locally/statewide, EZ terms. New & used. Bruised credit OK.

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Liquidators. 800-798-7275. Must pay sales tax.

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WESTLAND, 3 BR ranch, 2 car garage, ceiling fans, utility room, fenced yard. \$635.

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103. Business Property

BELLEVILLE, BELLE Plaza, retail space, coin laundry, child care, retail, ready to use clothing store, 2 months free. 313-920-5966, 313-981-3050.

96. Houses for Rent

GOV'T FORECLOSED homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's. Your area. Toll Free (1) 800-218-9000 Ext. H-7514 for current listings.

106. Houses for Sale

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

New single and double widows. Westridge Mobile Home Park, Monroe Gardens.

\$0 DN. QUALIFIED BUYERS

Call now to get in by Christmas!

1-800-615-9099

113. Real Estate Wanted

1991 GEO METRO Fxi, two door, 140,000 miles. Running perfect. New tires & regularly well maintained. Great mileage. Only \$1,395. Call Mark, 313-394-1060.

114. Auto Accessories

1981-87 Grand Prix parts for sale. Call 721-4749, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TRUCK CAP fiberglass, 8 ft. long, 63 in. wide, black. Call 277-7248.

115. Autos for Sale

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1981-87 Grand Prix parts

Sierra combines style with toughness, dependability

When you are thinking of a dependable powerful truck, think GMC. The 1998 GMC Sierra is both youthful and aggressive with the toughness buyers demand. This pickup is for individuals who seek superior dependability in a powerful rugged truck.

GMC thought of everything when designing this one. Push button (on the fly) four-wheel drive, so you can go from on to off-roading effortlessly.

The Sierra is built tough, I put it through all kinds of abuse, and it handled with grace and ease. It didn't matter if I were driving on a regular surface street or four-wheeling up muddy hills, I had no problem with this one and I didn't get stuck once.

When observing the exterior of this one, you get a good idea of just how solidly this truck is built. The sporty appearance with the flared fenders just enhances the overall package.

Just open up the doors in this truck, (all three of them) and you can see all of the room that you'll have once inside. Plenty of leg and head room, and even a back seat that can fit two or even three passengers. Then hop in and look at all of the electronic bells and whistles. Sierra has it all. And every gizmo was power, the seats the mirrors, the windows, locks, etc...

Plus, as an added bonus, the back of the cab offered extra cargo space for groceries, golf clubs or whatever your needs



Karen Stronski

might be. You can carry just about anything in the cab instead or having your items roll around in the bed.

For a 4x4, the interior was plush, not necessarily what one would expect for a utility truck. The door panels and seats were adorned with colorful fabric and the comfort was uncompromising. Then I got to the stereo which had premium sound quality. The music just echoed all around the cab.

When you think of a truck with most all of the features standard, think GMC. I could not believe that most everything in this truck came standard except the compact disc player, that's a little bit extra. The list includes: air bags, air conditioning, daytime running lamps, Scotchgard fabric protector, intermittent wipers, power windows, doors, and locks, and the list goes on. However they are too numerous to mention.

The Sierra interior was designed "from the inside out" with the driver and passengers in mind. An ergonomically designed instrument panel, contoured seats, and high quality trim give the Sierra a fresh contemporary look, as well as a high level of comfort and convenience. Also, an exten-

sive noise reduction system gives the Sierra cab a quiet environment by reducing from the drive train, chassis and wind.

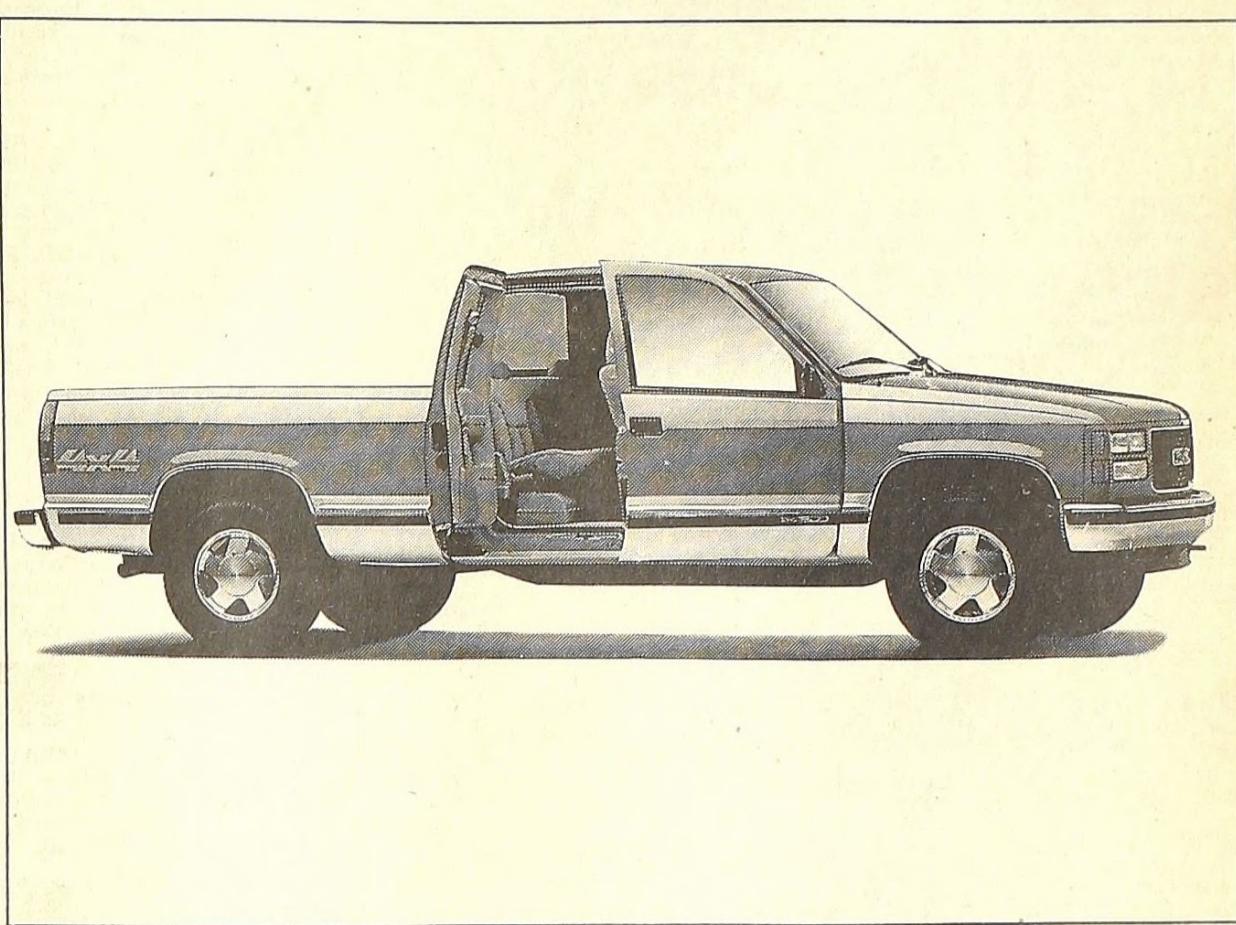
An available third door brings a greater level of convenience to the Sierra extended cab model. It gives you unobstructed passenger side access to the rear compartment. The door swings out easy for loading and unloading of cargo.

One of the deterrents I found with this truck is that it sits up real high, and for the averaged sized women who is using this truck to go back and forth to work in, I thought it was very hard to get in and out of without running boards. In my opinion, that should be a standard feature, not an option.

My test car was powered by a V-8 engine with 230 horsepower at 4600 rpm's and 285 ft lbs of torque at 2800 rpm's. This baby really hauled! No problem passing on the freeway or moving from a dead stop. This truck offered all of the power you could ever need for everyday driving.

The gas mileage was good considering it was a V-8 and a 4x4. It got 22 miles per gallon in the city, and about 29 on the highway. Base price of this vehicle was about \$24,000 and as tested \$26,400.

The 1998 GMC Sierra pickup is for the individualist pursuing an active lifestyle and seeking superior dependability in a powerful, rugged truck.



Sierra Extended Cab 1500

Jack Demmer Ford appoints commercial accounts manager

Jack Demmer has recently announced the appointment of Chet Wojie, Jr., Commercial Accounts Manager/Ford Motor Business Preferred Program.

Wojie brings with him 22 years of experience as a supervisor of manufacturing and assembly operations with Ford Motor Company in Rawsonville, Dearborn and Wayne, Michigan, as well as three

years as a certified sales consultant with Jack Demmer Ford. At Jack Demmer Ford, his responsibilities will include new/used car/truck sales and leasing, commercial and fleet sales/leasing and coordinating employee purchase programs for businesses in the metropolitan Detroit area. Wojie is a resident of Westland, Michigan.

Jack Demmer Ford is a member of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, which supports more than 240 members with legislative and industry representation, educational programs as well as communications and community relations activities. The dealership is located at 37300 Michigan Avenue in Wayne, Michigan.

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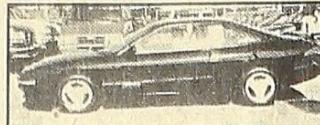
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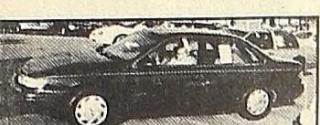
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'93 TAURUS GL

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'95 ESCORT LX SPORT

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'96 F-250 SUPERCAB 4X4

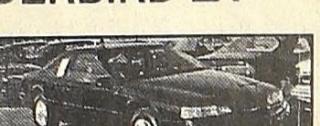
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'96 THUNDERBIRD LX

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ALUMINUM WHEELS



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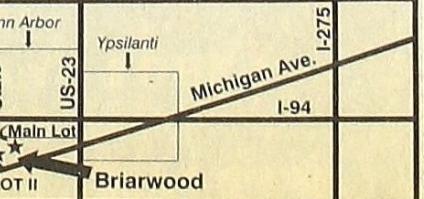
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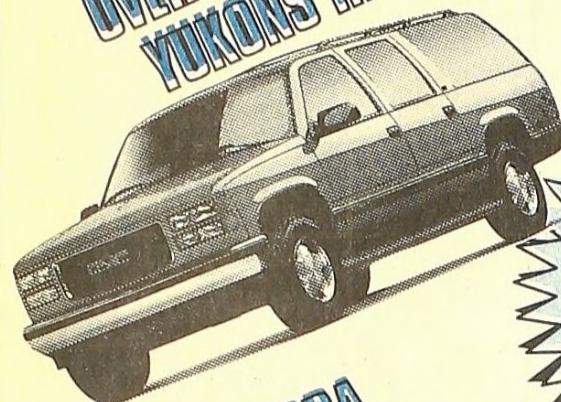
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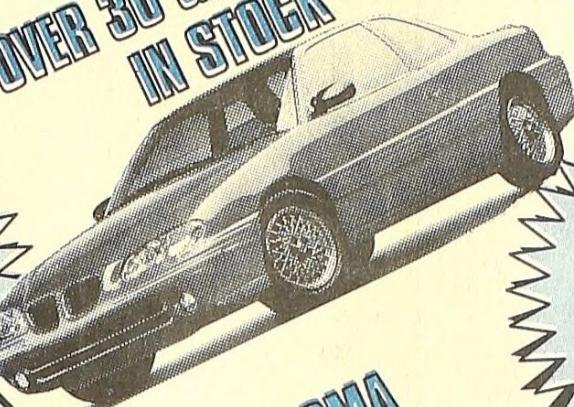


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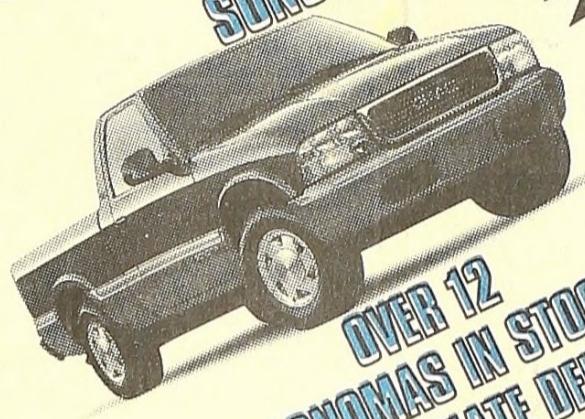
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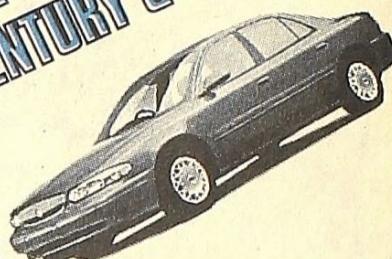
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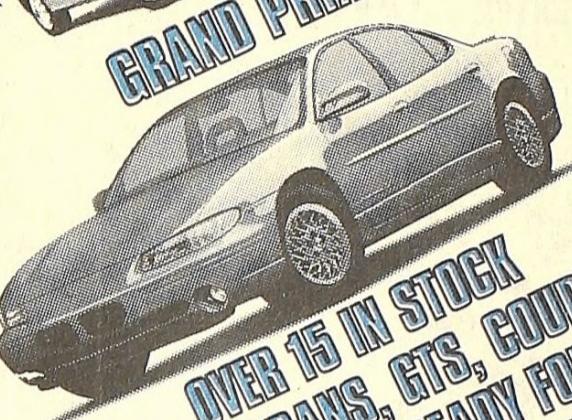
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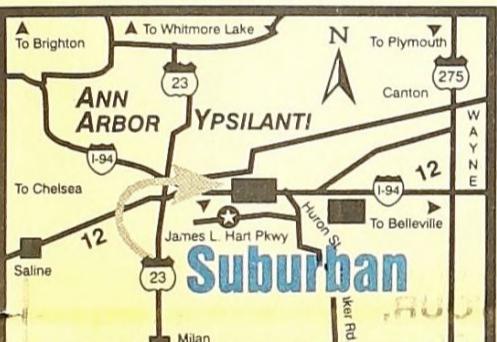
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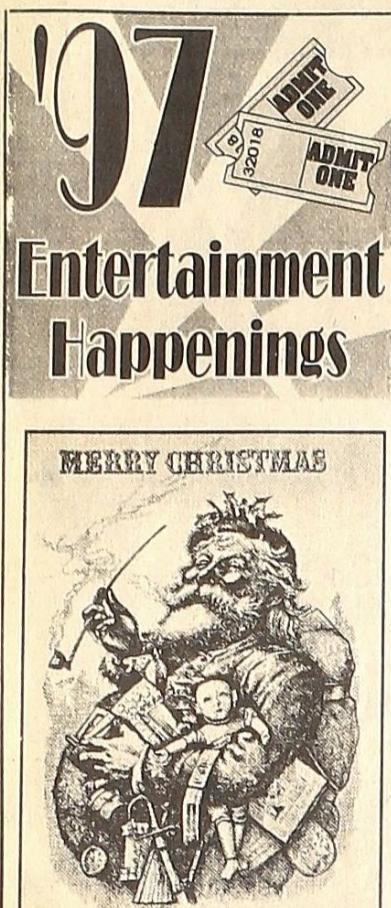
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- Spirit of Christmas 1997 Domino's Farms Christmas Light Display through Dec. 31. Open 6 to 10 p.m. nightly. Donation, \$5 per vehicle on weekdays through Thursday, and \$7 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes perform through Dec. 27 at the Fox Theater in its *Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. Call 810-433-1515 for ticket information.

- Hudson's eighth annual animated walk-through display, *A Christmas Carol* is open to the public through Dec. 31 during Hudson's store hours at the Summit Place Mall.

- *The Holly Daze Caper*, an audience participation murder mystery will be staged every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 31. Information about the Jackson Productions Dinner Theater play at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock is available by calling 782-1431.

- Through Dec. 28 at BASF Park in Waterfront Park in Wyandotte, Henry Ford Health System Light Fest is open. Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays and 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Cost is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for seniors (65 and older) and \$1 for children, 4 to 15.

- Lights Before Christmas is open at the Toledo Zoo and continues through Jan. 4. The display will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. Nightly hours are 5 to 8:30 p.m. Admission for adults is \$4 and for children and senior citizens, \$2.

- Set for the Holidays at Meadow Brook Hall through Dec. 7. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Dec. 2 and 3 when hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 248-370-3140 for information.

- *A Christmas Carol* plays at Meadow Brook Theatre through Dec. 28. Call 248-377-3300 for ticket information.

- Zoo Lights Festival at Binder Park Zoo, Battle Creek from 5 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

- Henry Ford Estates host Christmas at Fair Lane through Dec. 31. Public tours are available during December on weekdays. For tickets or information, call Kathleen Haag, 593-5590.

- Annual Kwanzaa Jazz Concert with Barry Harris at piano, 7 p.m. Dec. 27 at the 1st Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. Donation \$15/\$5 for children 12 and younger, includes afterglow.

YMCA focuses on post-holiday fitness

By LORI GILLESPIE
MCN Staff Writer

The holidays are here! It's time to decorate, bake, visit with family and friends, shop for Christmas presents, and attend holiday parties. With all of this to do, who has the time to worry about exercise and eating healthy?

"Don't beat yourself up because you ate that extra cookie at Grandma's house," said Cynthia Roberts, fitness specialist at the Wayne-Westland YMCA. "You should try to stay active. If you stay active, you will burn those extra calories. The holidays are stressful enough without having to worry about changing your eating habits, so just stay active."

With many people making their new year's resolution to lose weight, January is a big month for exercising. The problem is that most people have difficulty sticking to their resolution.

"A majority of people don't have a fitness plan in mind when they start out," Roberts said. "A fitness evaluation is the first step in the plan, instead of them just stepping on a scale. We can give them a complete workout plan. They will have a goal, and they can see what they can do. At the YMCA, we have sports programs and a pool, it's more

than just going to a gym and working out."

The fitness specialist explained that people should make sure the exercise program they chose is something they enjoy, because they will be more likely to stick to it. You should also remember not to do everything at once.

"The biggest mistake people make is that they try to run into a program," Roberts said. "If you work into it, you will avoid injury and burnout."

You also need to plan your workout. Most people who plan ahead stick to it.

The YMCA is willing to work with people who want to make their resolution a reality. Beginning in January, all current and new members at the YMCA will receive a complimentary fitness evaluation to see where they are, where they could be, and what they need to do to get there. A computer will be used to graph their progress.

Roberts will be conducting the evaluations, which includes taking blood pressure and resting heart rate, measuring body fat with a caliper, riding a stationary bike to check fitness levels, testing flexibility, strength and endurance tests, and doing bench presses.

The Wayne-Westland YMCA recently got some new exercise equipment. Transports

are a cross between a stair master and a ski walker.

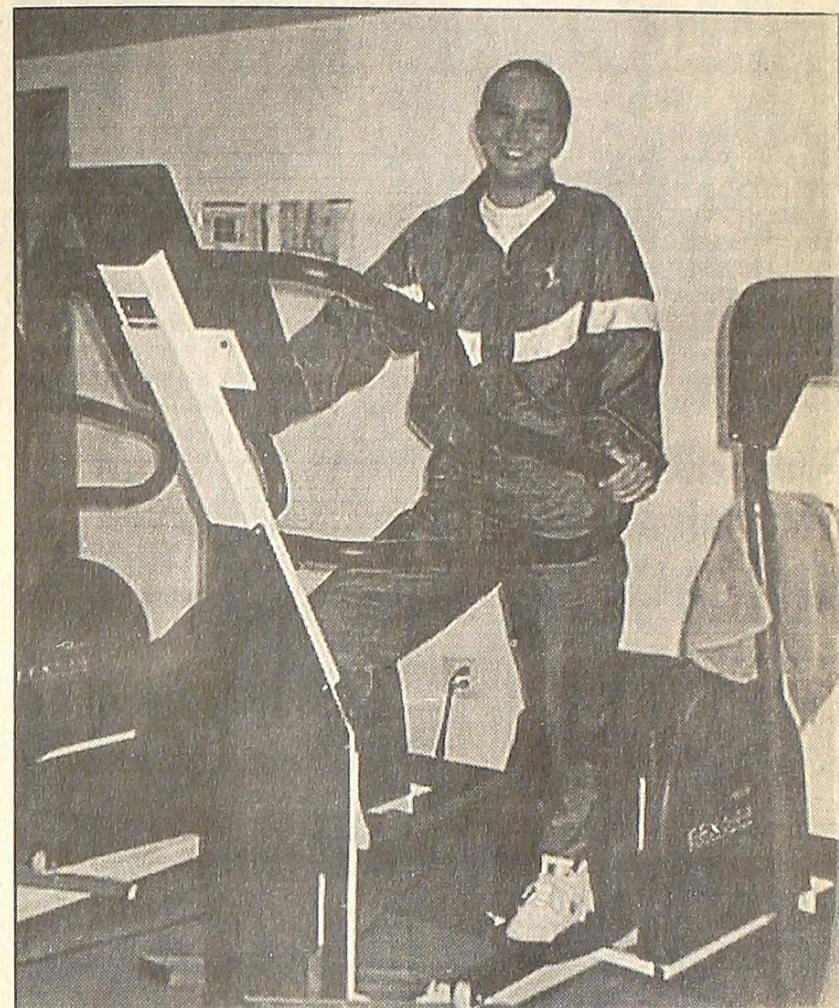
"It doesn't leave you out of breath as much as the stair master, and it's not as hard on the knees," Roberts explained. "It's really good for seniors. Their heart rate doesn't rise as fast as it does on some of the other equipment. It provides a good cardiovascular workout."

A senior fitness program will begin the second week of January at the YMCA. From 12 to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, seniors in the program will spend time discussing health and fitness, and then will take part in very low-impact aerobics. This will work on flexibility and stretching, as well as using their lungs at a pace which is good for seniors.

As of Jan. 1, 1998, the YMCA is opening up their membership, so that if you join one YMCA, you have joined them all, and can take part in activities at any center you wish. Once a year, each member of the YMCA will have access to their own personal trainer, free of charge.

Working out should not be a competition, which is why the YMCA remains a fitness center, and not a gym.

"We are very family-oriented," Roberts said. "Anyone can workout here. There is always something anyone can



Cynthia Roberts, fitness specialist at the Wayne-Westland YMCA showed off the newest equipment in the fitness room at the facility. The transports are a cross between a stairmaster and Nordictrack. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

do here. It's a very relaxed, non-competitive environment."

For more information, or to

sign up, call 721-7044, or stop by the Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Westland seniors celebrate Christmas

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

What more could you ask for? There was food, fun and entertainment. Sylvia A. Kozorosky-Wiaczek and the Friendship Center in Westland hosted a sold out Christmas party last Friday afternoon for the seniors.

Father Jack Baker of St. Mary in Wayne provided the blessing of wine and the invocation. There were season's greetings from Mayor Robert Thomas and council president Sandra Cicirelli.

Hosts and ushers for the celebration were John Cobb, Carl Simcox, Dominic Bologna, John Kozleski, Stan Koch, Bud O'Leary, Lee Sloan and Bill Rands.

Entertainment was provided by two different dance

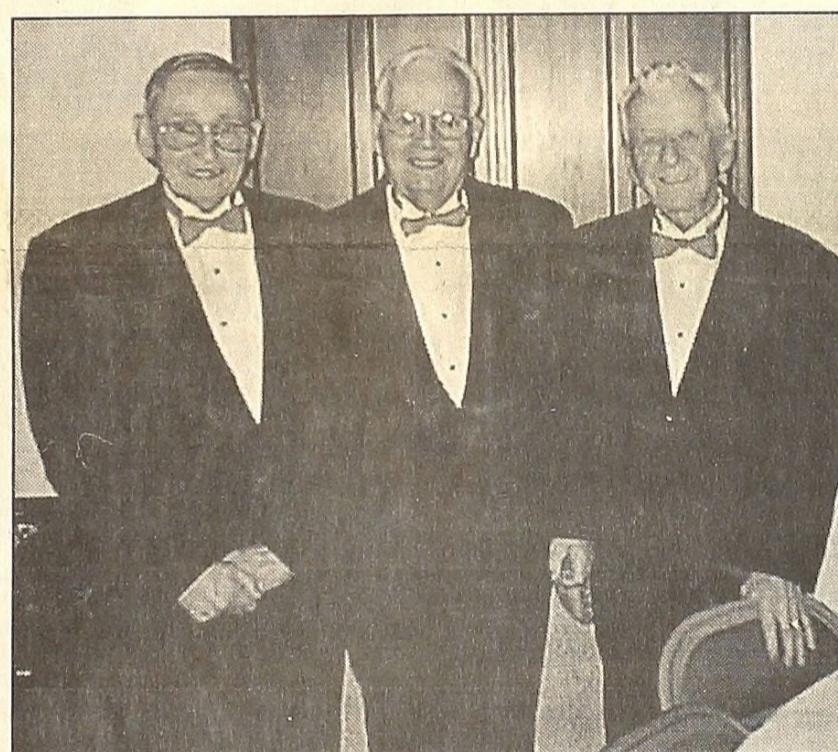
groups.

Gigi's Hawaiian Dancers included teacher Gigi Smith, Claire Ritchie, Mary Paraventi and Pearl Christopher.

There was also a performance by a group who had been taking country line dancing classes at the Friendship Center.

After lunch was served, some of the guests brought out cards and others just enjoyed the company they were with.

Even though the center is undergoing major renovations,



The best dressed men at the party were Bill Rands, Stan Koch and John Kozleski.

Seniors, students creat Christmas Village

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

The faces may have looked different but the expression was the same. Whether it was an elementary student allowed to leave school for a special project or a senior citizen volunteering to work with a student, everyone has smiles.

For the first time ever, Audrey Tucker, director of the Wayne Senior Activity Center and her staff coordinated a joint effort between elementary students at St. Mary School and senior volunteers at the senior center.

Armed with marshmallow creme and small milk cartons, each adult paired with a student to construct a Christmas village to decorate the length of the recreation room at the

senior center.

They frosted their houses, pinned paper windows and glued candy doors. Now approximately 70 houses decorate the village scene, complete with a Christmas tree, snow and people milling around.

Tucker said this was the first time she has tried a project with the students.

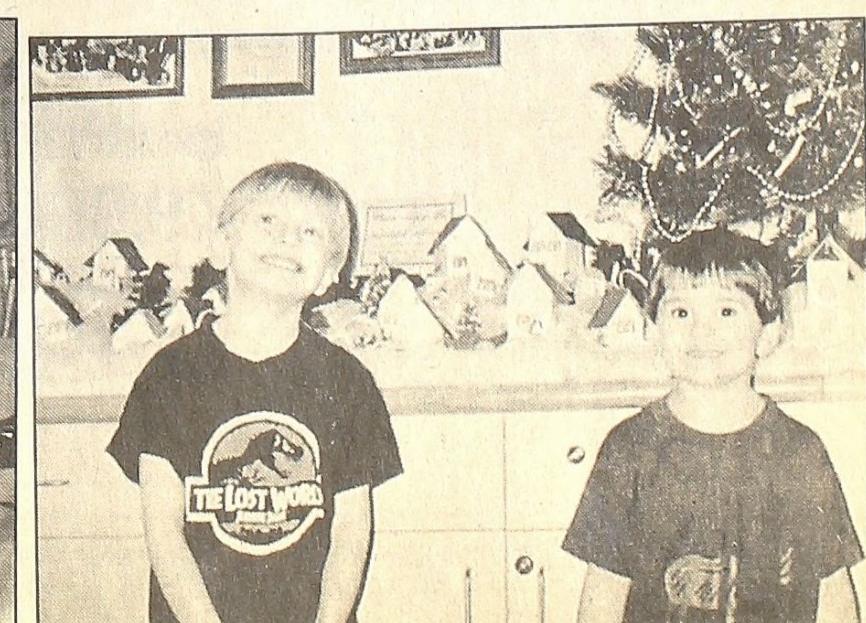
Everyone seemed to enjoy

themselves and they have a permanent display to show their family and friends for years to come.

Their hard work was recognized on Sunday. Students and seniors were invited to bring their families and show them their creation. Brownie troops sang Christmas carols, cookies and juice was served and Santa Claus made a surprise appearance.



Samantha Perreault wants CDs and Destiny Miller asked Santa for toys (above). Wyatt Platt, 6, and his brother, Luke, 3, (below) visited the Christmas Village with their grandma. At the bottom left, Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield looks at the Christmas Village as Christopher Paul of St. Mary School looks on. MCN photo by Jenny Johnson



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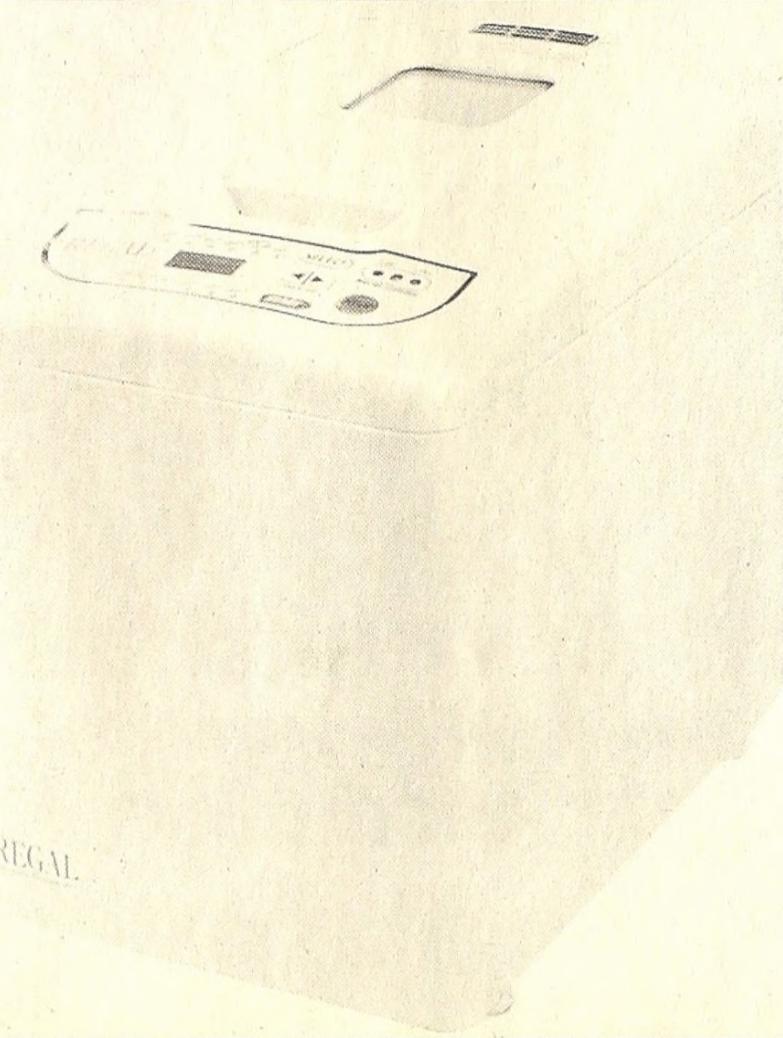
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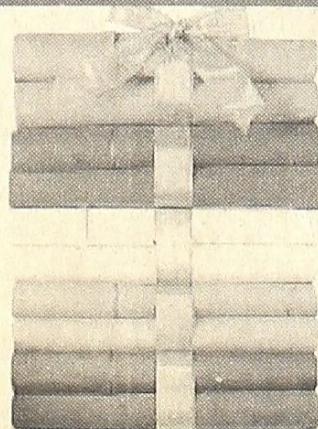
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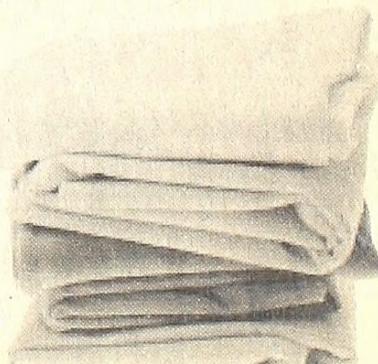
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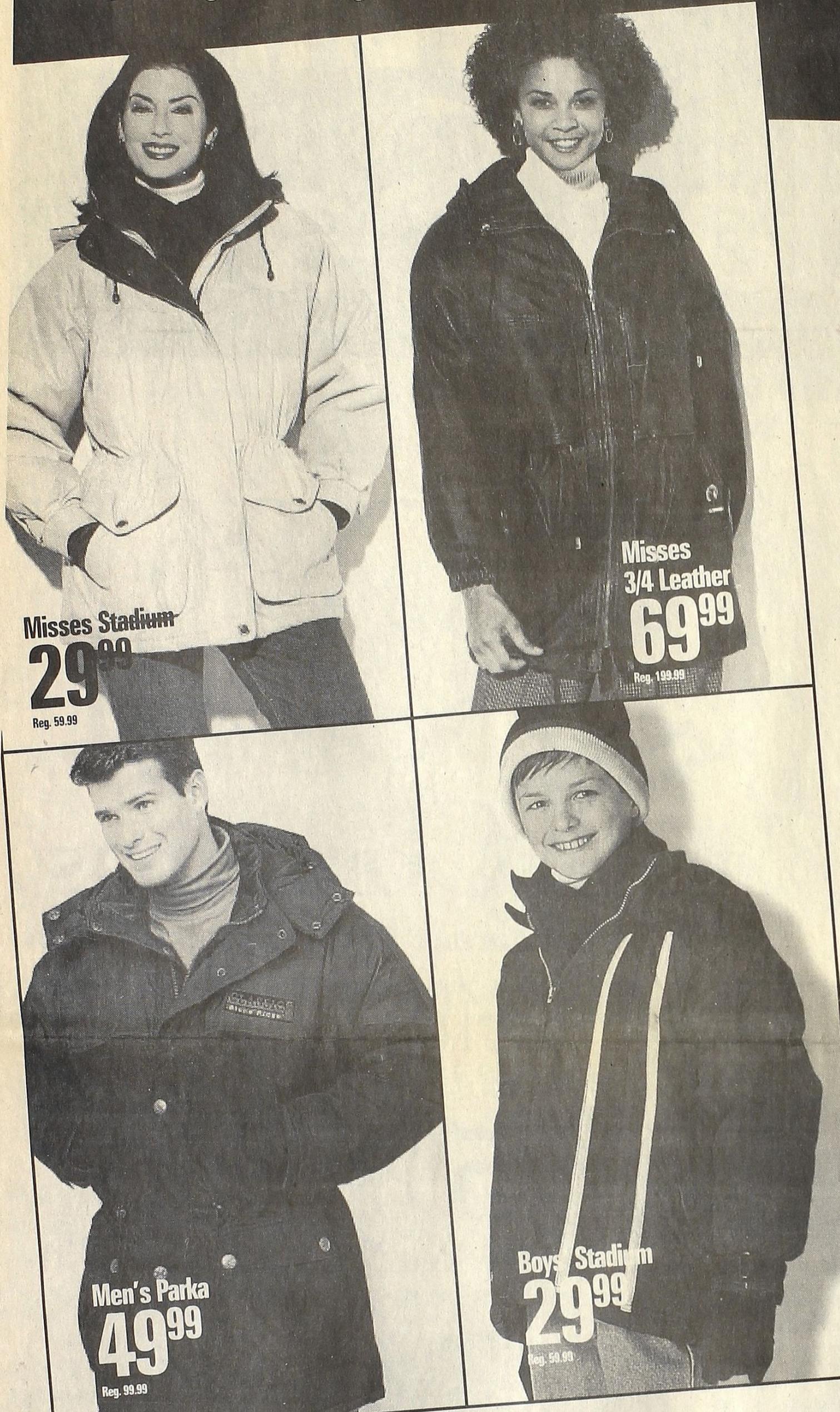
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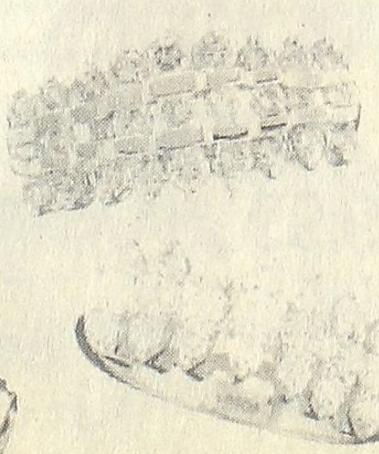
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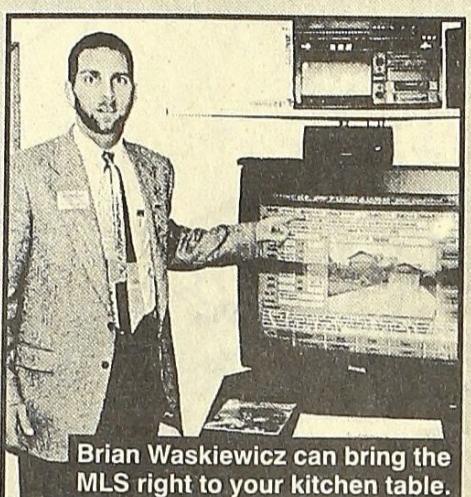
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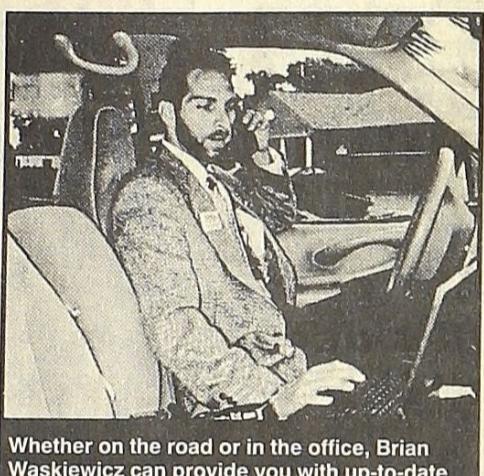
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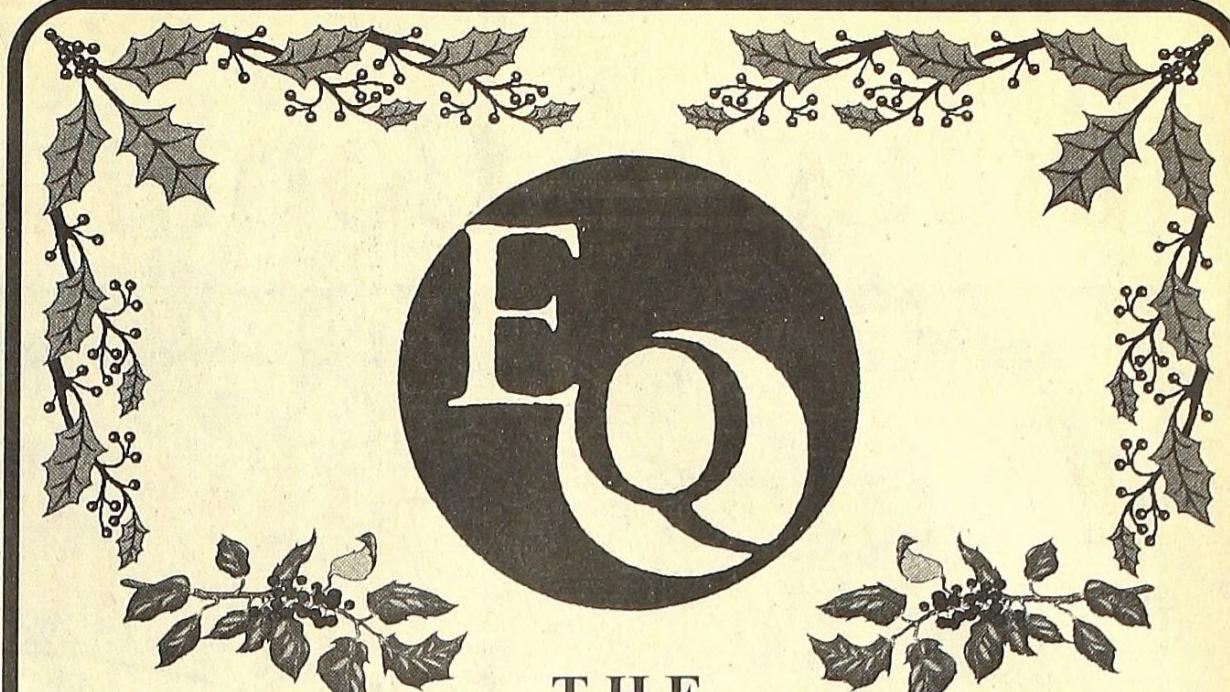
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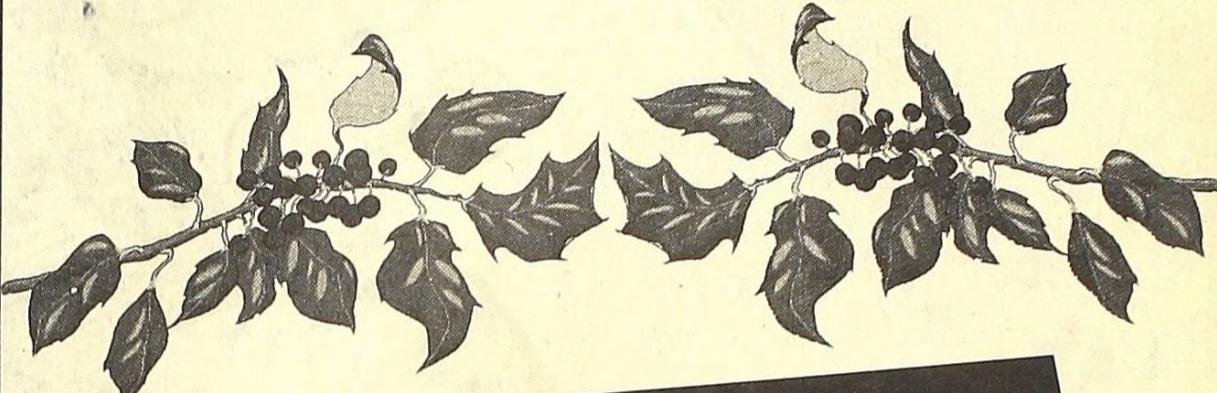
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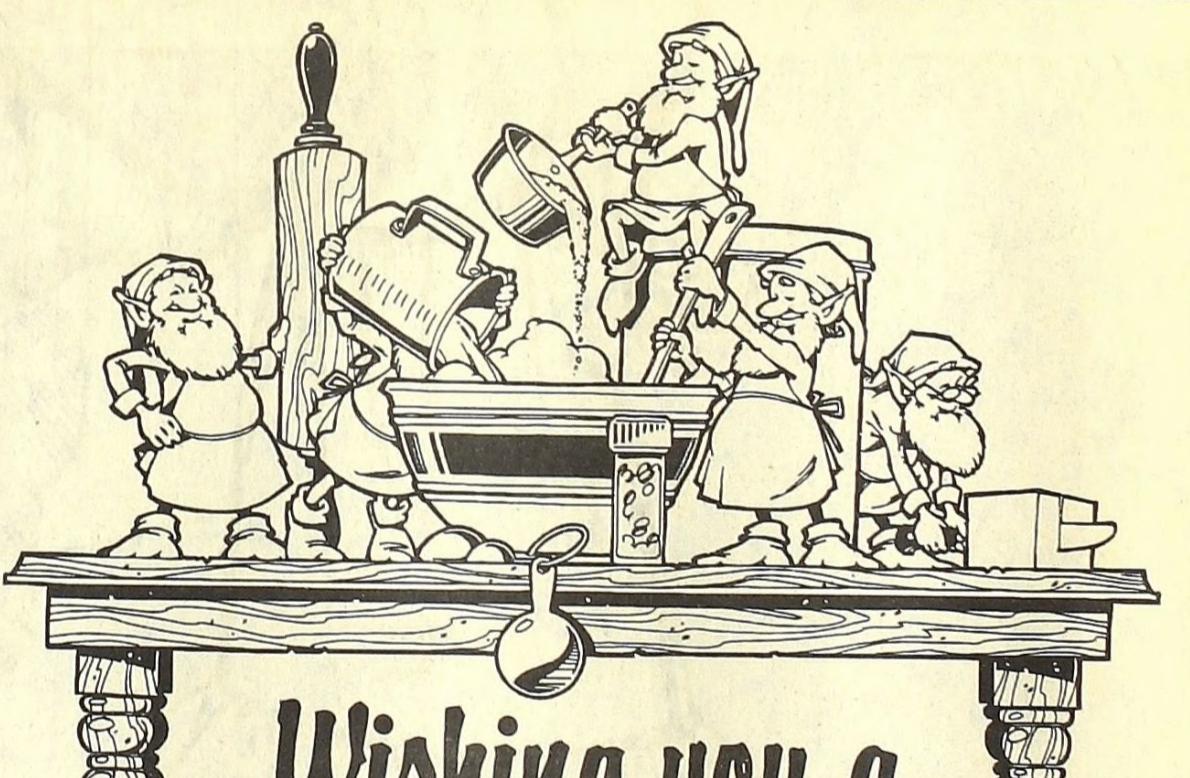
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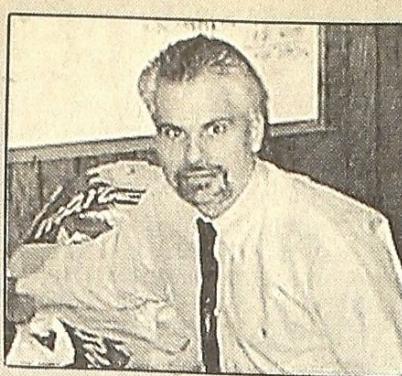
This week, Michigan Community Newspapers presents its award-winning special supplement, simply titled, Christmas Wishes. This year, we have decided to make it front page news, because the advertisers within have donated more money and MCN staffers have donated more time to make this year's Christmas Wish program extra special.

It is extra special because we will be spending upwards to \$20,000 in cash to purchase food, clothing, toys and special gifts for hundreds of Western Wayne families.

I remember our first program four years ago when we mustered a few hours of help and small bits of cash to make a couple of dozen families happy. It made us feel good when millionaire philanthropist Percy Ross paid a call and offered encouragement for us to continue and we decided to make the program a part of every holiday season.

How different this year is. Many folks are skeptical because they say the good economy has shrunk the numbers of those in need. Their logic is those that want a job have a job, and the rest are looking for hand-outs.

Funny, we've gotten more letter describing desperate situations this year than ever before. Maybe the economy is going like gangbusters, but so is despair and hard luck. Single mothers in some areas outnumber two-parent families and in many cases these mothers have a horrible time providing for their children. Sometimes grandmothers end up with the children because both parents are irresponsible and drug dependent. If you were to read the letters MCN received, you would be surprised how many grandmothers have become



Mike Wilcox

surrogate mothers. And usually they are not prepared to take on the additional financial burdens.

I will agree that there are some that take advantage of our program's generosity. We eliminated one Canton family from our list because their demands (yes, demands) were too extravagant. Let's see, we were all set to build them a new deck, but they didn't like the dimensions. And, oh, they thought they should get a new car. And clothes. And toys, etc. A neighbor called to warn us that one family had called around to all the helping agencies and had been promised \$2,000 in toys. She called them "professional beggars" with mother and children equally participating in the scam. And one family pulled up in a new sports utility vehicle with the mother decked out in fur to submit her letter of despair.

Fortunately, these families are the exception. For the most part, those that we help are very grateful. I don't know how many homes I've driven up to the past few Christmases and seen despair turn to joy when we deliver a truckload of gifts.

The Special Supplement provides you with a sampling of the letter received. We are committed to helping each and every one of the letter writers presented in the supplement. However, there are others. If you would like to donate to the MCN Christmas Wish Fund or adopt a family for Christmas, give us a call immediately. There is still time. Many of us at MCN will put in all the time it takes to see that every family possible is treated to a joyful Christmas.

Newspaper shares Christmas goodwill



Karen Stronski, left, and Rita Bedell take time out, while packaging the many Christmas Wish items.

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

The Christmas spirit is still alive. Through the Michigan Community Newspapers Christmas Wish program MCN staff, businesses and community members worked toward one goal. They joined together to help the less fortunate in our area.

From a young mother's plea to give her mother and brother a headstone to a grandmother who welcomed five abandoned children into her home, the letters asked for wishes to help

make their Christmas a little merrier.

The kindness of a few dedicated people will make for wonderful Christmas memories for dozens of families. The Christmas Wish program helps families in Western Wayne County who need a little of Santa's magic to help them through the holiday.

In its fourth year the Christmas Wish Program provides food, clothes, toys or other items families need. For a month we received hundreds of letters from people who asked for help for their

friends, relatives, neighbors or church members.

They were not looking for a hand out, just a helping hand to get through the holiday season. Many of the families are appealing on behalf of their children.

One mother asked us to replace a dog that was killed by two pit bulls. Her 10-year-old daughter witnessed the attack and was having nightmares.

It is true no child deserves to go without a Christmas. We are fortunate there are so many people and businesses in this community willing to

play Santa for these youngsters.

It has been a very heart-warming experience to see the MCN office fill up quickly with the items for families. Christmas brings out the best in people.

But we should remember people need help everyday of the year.

On behalf of the MCN staff, we would like to thank everyone who participated in this program. You have truly contributed to the spirit of Christmas. We wish you all a wonderful holiday.

Christmas Wish Letters

To whom it may concern,
My Christmas wish is for my two boys to have a good Christmas, because right now me and my boys do not have a place to stay. But my boys are staying with their grandmother. I would be very grateful to anything that anyone can give my boys. My boys are in need of underclothes, socks, and P.J.'s. Thank you.

Thank you very much,
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Wayne

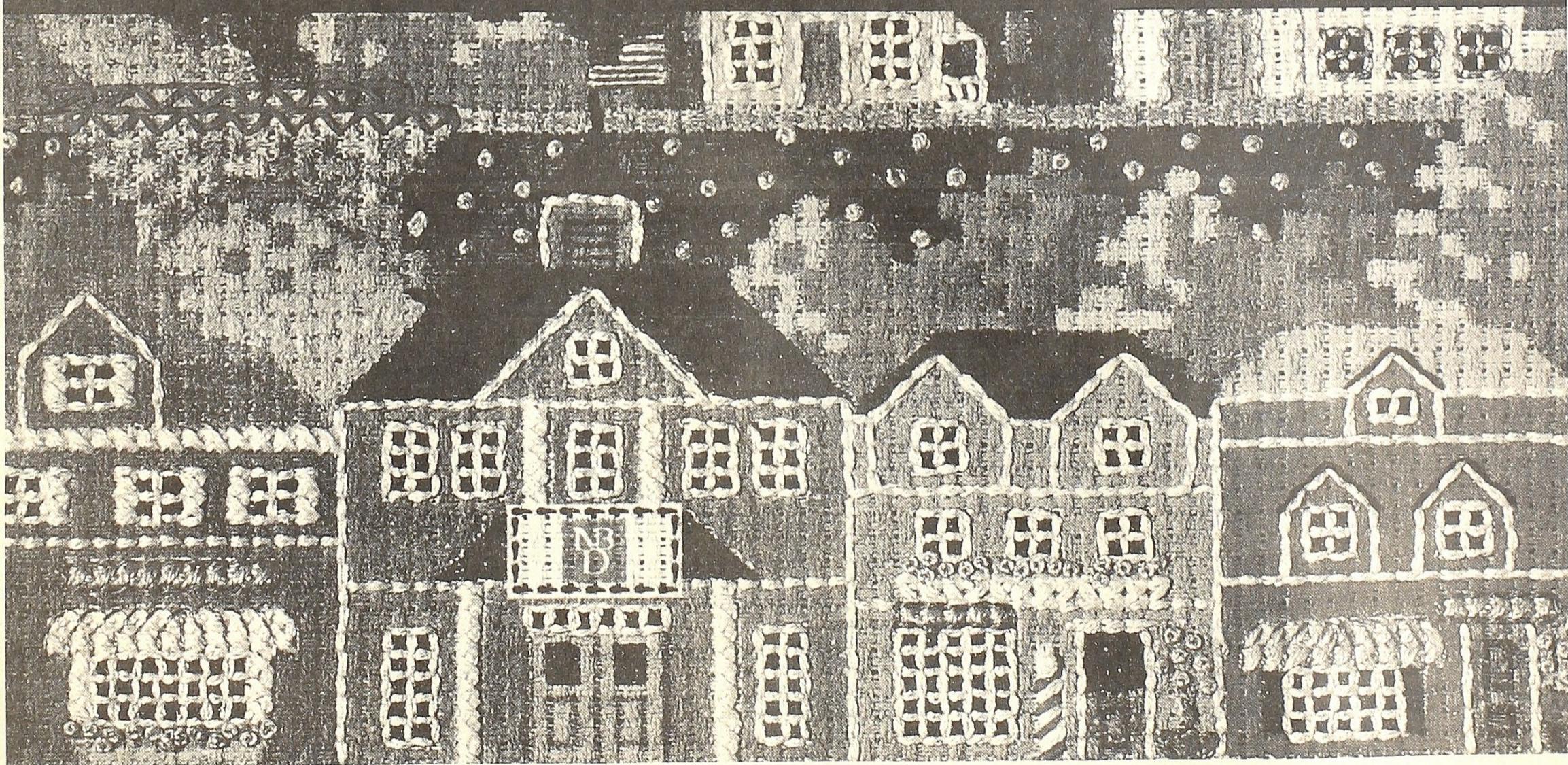
To Christmas Wish Program,
Me, my husband and my two daughters, Jessica, 8 years old, and Jennifer, 11 years old, have recently moved from up north to Taylor, Mi. We are having a real hard time this holiday year. We've lived here a

little over a month. We've started with giving away furniture away. This Christmas is going to be hard on the kids, until we get our bills paid on time. Until then we can't spend any money. It's even rough paying for groceries. This is the first time we've been in bad shape. I'm asking for help at least for the children's sake. I'm praying that things will work out soon. But at this moment, it's tougher than ever. Thank you for your time.

Thank you very much,
Becky
Taylor

To whom it may concern,
Hi, my name is Denise Newbill and I need help for Christmas. I have two girls, one is 3 years old and the other is 11 months.

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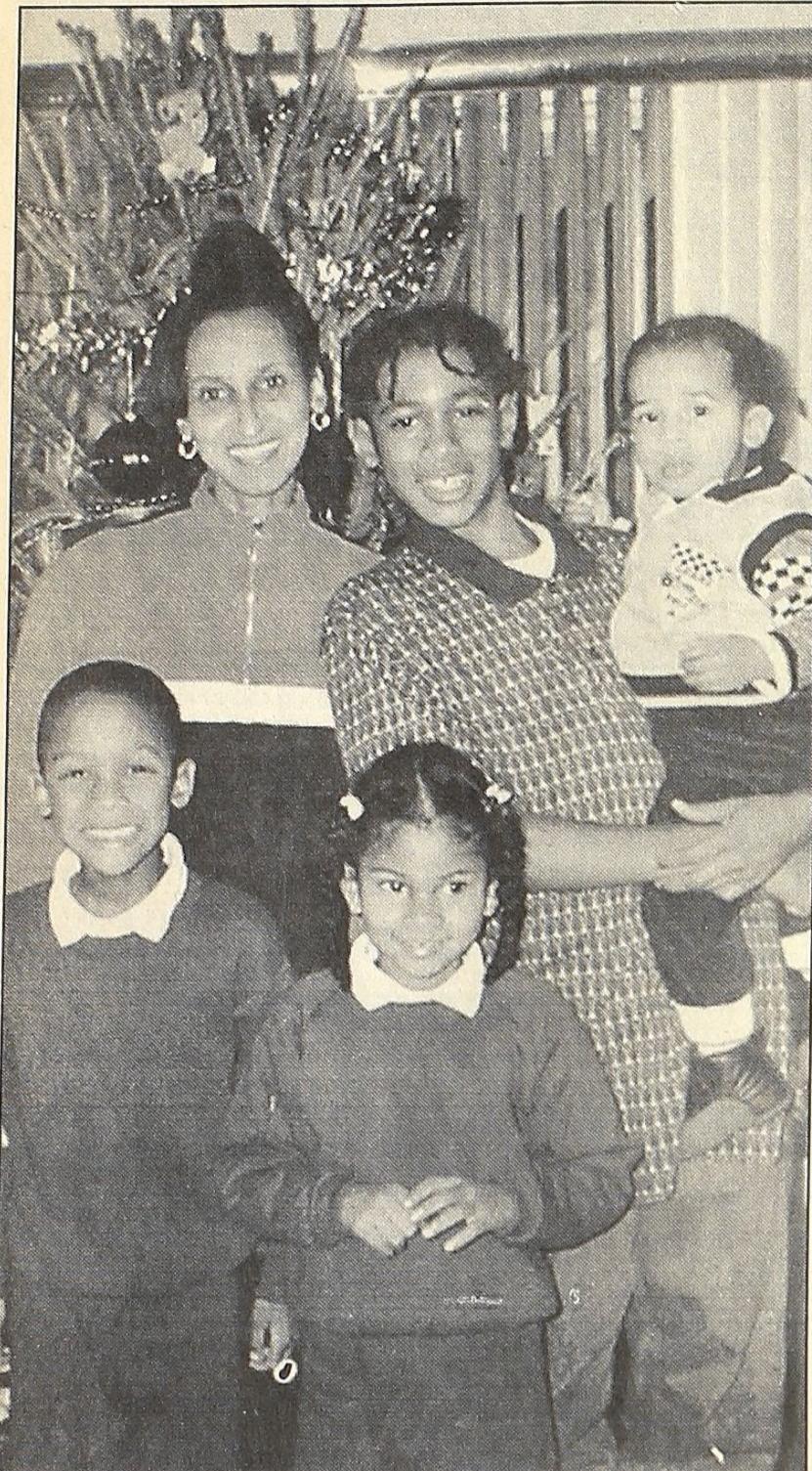
Son asks MCN to help mom

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

The letter starts: "My name is Donald and I'm 12 years old. I begged my mother to tell me who Santa was and she did. I

felt really bad because now I know why she never had anything underneath the tree."

Donald wrote to Michigan Community Newspapers and asked us to help him give his



Tonya with her children Donald, holding Geovonne, Geno and Gekia.

mother and his siblings a nice Christmas.

"That's my Donald," said Tonya Spence when she heard what he had done.

She had no idea her son had written the letter.

Tonya said, "All that's important is that we are a family."

Donald was looking through the newspaper as part of a science assignment for school when he saw the article about the Christmas Wish Program.

Donald is a seventh grader at Romulus Junior High School.

"Can you please help my mom out. If you can't because there are so many of us can you just buy my mom something nice. I really love her so much."

Donald never once asked for anything for himself. He is like a junior Santa Claus. He just wants to make sure his family, especially his mother has a Merry Christmas.

Donald has four brothers and sisters who he would like to see with something under the tree also.

This letter was so different from many others we received from youngsters.

So many of them asked for Red Wings' leather jackets, play stations and other toys for themselves.

But Donald's letter, written on green construction paper complete with a hand drawn picture of his family, was different.

As in the true meaning of Christmas he asked for help to make the people he loves happy.

"I want my mom to have as good as Christmas as possible," he said.

What a wonderful lesson we can learn from this 12-year-old.

Daughter in need of headstones

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

Crystal Miles of Westland wrote to Michigan Community Newspapers asking for one thing for Christmas.

It's very hard for me to say but in May 1997 my mother passed away. After a 12 year battle with cancer she finally lost. We lost my 19-year-old brother in his sleep also. My mother wanted to buy a double head stone with a picture frame because my mom was going to be laid to rest next to my brother. Before my mom died she never had the chance to get my brother's head stone.

I want to be able to take my kids and see their names on their resting spot. I just would love to give my whole family a marked spot to go and grieve. I know this is asking much, but my family means very much to me.

Crystal's brother died on her birthday, April 26.

What Crystal didn't say in the letter is that when her mother died, Crystal had a good job at the airport. When they wouldn't grant the time off she needed for her mother's funeral, she quit. Since then she and her two children have moved into her grandmother's one bedroom apartment. They sleep on the floor.

Her grandmother recently received an eviction notice. She is scheduled to have open heart surgery soon and cannot work. Crystal is 10th on the waiting list for an apartment in Westland. She hopes to move in sometime in January or February. In the meantime she hopes to be able to stay with her grandmother.

Crystal is also pregnant and has nothing for her baby. All of her baby clothes and items were thrown away.

In spite of all of her own needs for her and her children, she wrote to MCN asking to fulfill her mother's last wish.

Last year MCN helped Crystal's aunt who has six children and couldn't afford a Christmas for them. We also

fixed Crystal's mom's car so she could go to her chemotherapy treatments.

Crystal said her whole family has had a rough year. She said she will be happy to see 1997 go.

Stephanie, her 6-year-old

daughter likes Barbies and her 8-year-old son, Robert likes cars that make noise.

They are such simple requests from a family who has suffered a year of tragedies. MCN hopes to be able to make their Christmas a happy one.



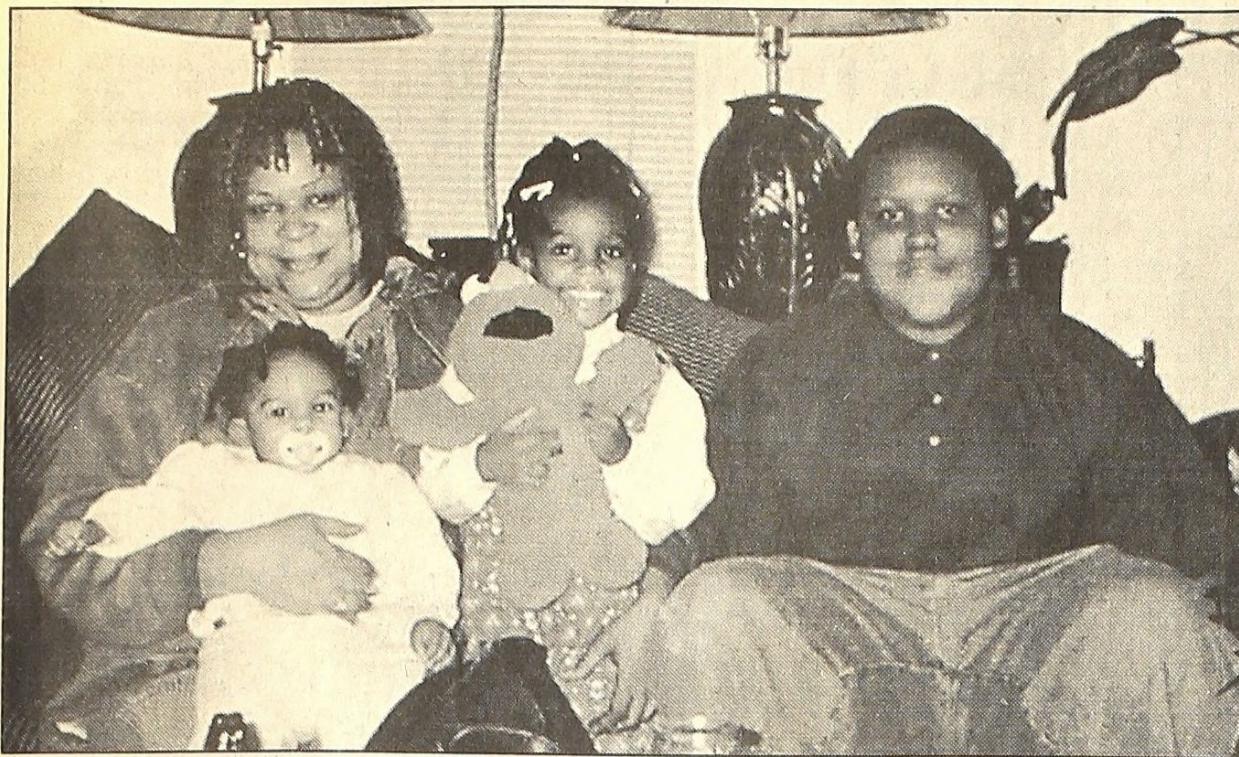
Crystal Miles hopes to ease her family's pain with a double headstone for her mother and brother.

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Grandmother supports abandoned children



The Morris family now includes: Valerie holding Zanice, 11 months, Aquarius, 4, and Jamell, 16.

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

It was almost a year ago when Valerie Morris was babysitting five children. One day their mother never picked them up.

I took five kids into my home because one of them is my granddaughter, and I wanted them to all be together.

She already had a 16-year-old son so they suddenly became a family of seven.

Her savings account and emergency money was quickly spent to buy the kids what they needed since they came to her with only the clothes on their backs.

My bills are so backed up, I can't afford a Christmas for these kids.

Recently she got custody of her 4-year-old granddaughter, Aquarius and her 11-month-old sister, Zanice.

After raising two sons, Valerie realizes raising girls is different. But Aquarius and Zanice seem to have made the adjustment. They both call Valerie, Momma.

Jamell, Valerie's son is a big

help. He got a job at Meijer as soon as his mom needed help with bills. In addition to working 20 hours a week and going to school he helps with the girls.

So what does Valerie wish for her family this holiday season?

"I just want the kids happy," she said.

Because the girls have had so many changes in their young lives and Jamell pitched in when his mom really

needed him, Valerie wants them to have a wonderful Christmas.

She has given them what they need most, a loving, safe environment. But she wrote to Michigan Community Newspapers because she can't provide the clothes, toys and holiday meal that go along with a traditional Christmas celebration.

"All I want for Christmas is that these kids get a Christmas," she said.

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Mother of two needs help to start over

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

Tammy Wiseman had a good job and a nice place to raise her two daughters, Terrica, 10, and Tyresha, 2.

But when her company relocated and left her without a job, she was soon evicted from the home she had lived in for nine years.

"I lost everything," she said.

For the past seven months Tammy has been living with relatives and friends, while she waits to get into her own place.

Most recently she and Tyresha have been living in a three-bedroom apartment with seven other people.

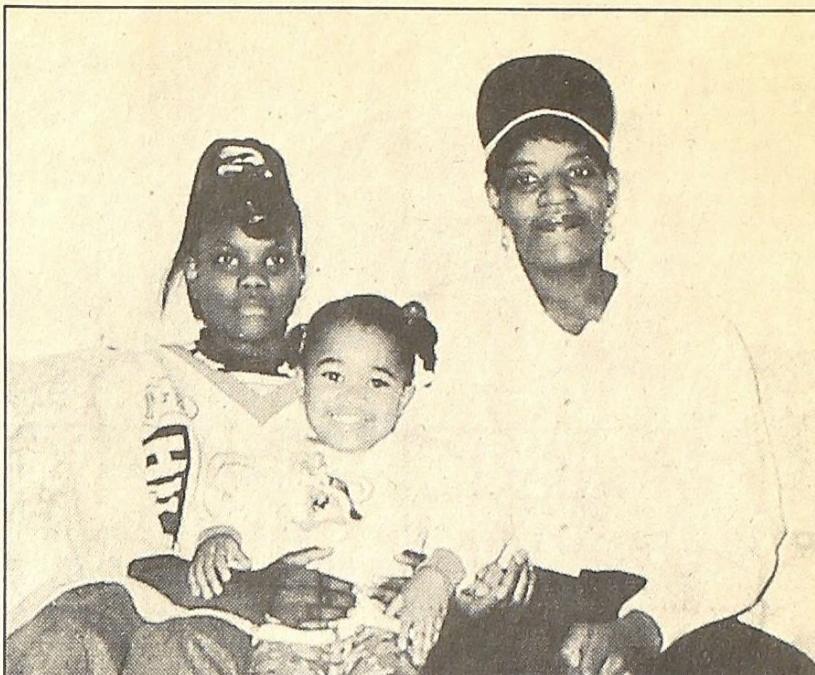
"It's been rough," she said.

Her daughter Terrica has been staying with her sister so she can go to school.

"We only see each other on the weekends," Tammy said.

Tammy found another job at the NBD Technical Center. She is a cook in the cafeteria. But her first week on the job she got pneumonia and was off for awhile.

She wrote to MCN to ask for



Tammy Wiseman hopes the Christmas wish program can help her give her daughters, Terrica, 10, and Tyresha, 2, a Merry Christmas.

help this Christmas. She will soon move into her own apartment, but she has nothing for it.

She needs beds and all the supplies one would need to set up a home.

Even her Christmas decorations were lost when she was

evicted.

While Tammy is happy she will be in her new apartment before Christmas and once again be living with both her children, she is having a hard time with the fact that she can't afford many of the things the girls want for Christmas.

Woman needs help with recovering husband and handicapped daughter

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

Jennie Austin's letter is very short. This is probably because she doesn't have much free time. Her days are spent taking care of her husband, George, who is recovering from a stroke and her mentally handicapped 29-year-old daughter, May.

She must help her daughter comb her hair and get dressed everyday.

Her letter said: *I am in need for Christmas. I have a 29-year-old handicapped daughter that I'm taking care of.*

of winter coats and boots.

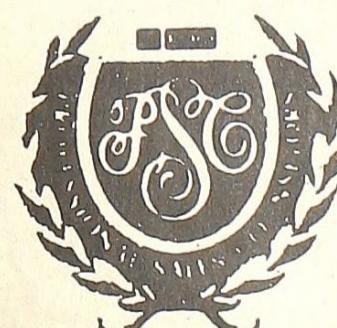
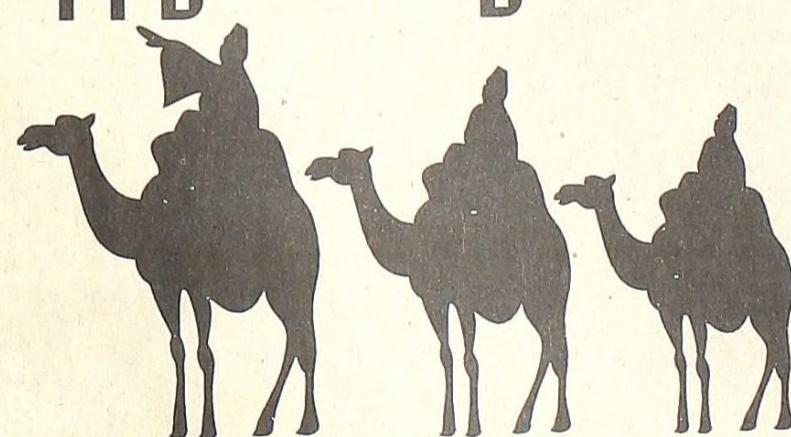
Her daughter, May, is also very interested in music and would like a radio. She also likes clothes and would love to have a long skirt.

Their thermostat on their furnace needs to be repaired and Jennie said she would like a wheelchair or a scooter to help her husband get around on his own.

She said a holiday dinner and some food would also be appreciated.

Jennie takes care of her family everyday. Her Christmas wish is that MCN can help her give her family a nice Christmas this year.

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Mother hopes to stop daughter's nightmare

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Staff Writer

This mother's Christmas wish is to put an end to her daughter's nightmares. In August, Tiffany, 10, witnessed her beloved dog Myer, a long haired Dachshund, being attacked and killed by two pit bulls.

Teresa Summers said the pit bulls were a threat to her neighborhood for a long time. She always kept her gate closed and her kids inside. But one day while they were in the process of moving, the gate was open.

When Myer saw the two pit bulls following a 3-year-old girl, he started to bark and the dogs turned their attention to Myer.

I really need help this Christmas. My daughter is having a hard time right now, because our Dachshund was attacked and killed by two pit bulls while he was on his chain in his own backyard. My daughter, Tiffany, saw this happen. It traumatized her.

All Tiffany is wishing for this Christmas is another long haired Dachshund. She is very sad and can not get over what happened. Because of seeing this happen she has nightmares. She calls Myer's name in her sleep, she screams.

Myer was a birthday present for Tiffany. She used to like to dress the dog and put bows in its hair. Myer was her best friend.

Teresa knows she can never



Teresa Summers with her two children, Tiffany, 10, and Daniel, 18 months hope MCN can replace their dog, Myer, who was attacked by two pit bulls.

replace Myer but she hopes a new dog will ease some of the pain the little girl has.

My wish for my daughter is

that someone can please help make her wish come true. I think it will help her get over what happened to Myer.

Christmas wishes reflect holiday spirit

By JENNY JOHNSON
MCN Special Writer

Everyone always says Christmas is about family and the sharing spirit. They usually say this as they are fighting for a parking spot at the only store that has the toy their child demands to have for Christmas.

It's easy to see, when stores start putting Christmas displays out before Halloween and Santa doesn't ask your child what she wants for Christmas, he just makes sure he smiles for the \$10 picture, that Christmas has become quite commercial.

I'm as guilty as the next person. But I've had a very humbling experience this year. I never expected it to touch me as much as it did. When I embarked on the task of interviewing the top candidates for Michigan Community Newspaper's annual Christmas Wish Program I thought it would be just like every other assignment—meet with the families, take a good picture then move on to the next assignment.

But it didn't happen that way. Maybe I'm not an experienced enough reporter to keep myself from becoming moved from a story, but these families touched my heart.

I will especially remember two of the women I met. One is an example of a grandmother's love and a family's willingness to help children in dire need. The other is a story of a daughter, still coping with the recent



Jenny Johnson

death of her brother and mother and battling problems of her own, but determined to fulfill her mother's dying wish to have a headstone.

I will never forget the look on Valerie Morris' face when she told me the two little girls she recently got custody of had started calling her "Momma."

As the mother of an 18-month-old daughter, I know the flutter I felt in my heart when my little girl first said my name.

This family is the perfect example of what the holiday spirit is all about. When time got tough, Valerie and her son pulled together and took in children that needed a loving and happy home after their own mother abandoned them.

Valerie's letter asked us only to help give these children a Christmas.

All she wants for herself is to see her children's happy faces on Christmas morning.

This is a true example of a mother's love.

I will never forget the tears on Crystal Miles' face when she told me about her mother's heroic 12 year battle with cancer. My mind flashes to shopping with my mom a few weeks ago when I casually showed her dozens of things I wanted for Christmas.

I'm sure Crystal would just love to be with her mom for Christmas.

She could have asked for so much for herself and her children but she knows her whole family will benefit from having a marked place to visit her mother and her brother.

Coming home after meeting these two extraordinary women, I walk downstairs to where I have hidden my daughter's Christmas presents. Sure she will enjoy the toys, but now I think the best present I could ever give her is to set an example of how to be a generous and caring person.

I learned a valuable lesson from this assignment. The holiday spirit does exist and it's not in the malls, where the latest gadgets and gizmos are sold. It's in the hearts of the families we helped. Hopefully we have restored their faith in the true meaning of Christmas.

It is also in the hearts of the businesses and others who unselfishly helped fulfill Christmas wishes. Because of their selfless nature of sharing and caring hopefully everyone who reads these stories will believe in the holiday spirit.

Christmas Wish Letters

Dear Christmas Wishes,
I have three boys, 12, 9, and 2. I am the only one working at this time because my husband has a back problem. I only get paid every two weeks. Money is really tight around here. Christmas is really tight because last Saturday I was in a car wreck and now I have no way to get to work so I try to find a way everyday. My kids

could really use some clothes, like pants, shirts, and winter coats. Thank you very much.

Thank you,
Mrs. Donna Poster
Westland

To Christmas Wish program,
My name is Melba. I am the mother of Three. Two boys and one girl. We moved to Westland in March 1997. I never

thought moving from an apartment to a house would be so hard but it is. I never thought I would be asking for help. But this year I need help. So my wish is for my kids to have a good Christmas. I need help buying gifts. Thank you so much.

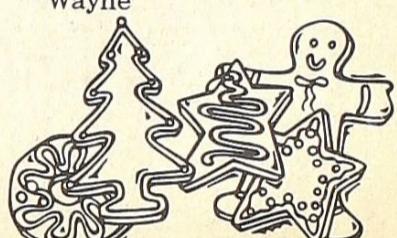
Thank you,
Melba Hines
Westland

I'm writing on behalf of a mother with 7 children ranging from ages 2 to 12 years old. This mother is on Aid for dependent children and finds it hard making ends meet. And now that it's Christmas, she can't see where she would be able to give the children a merry Christmas as other children will have.

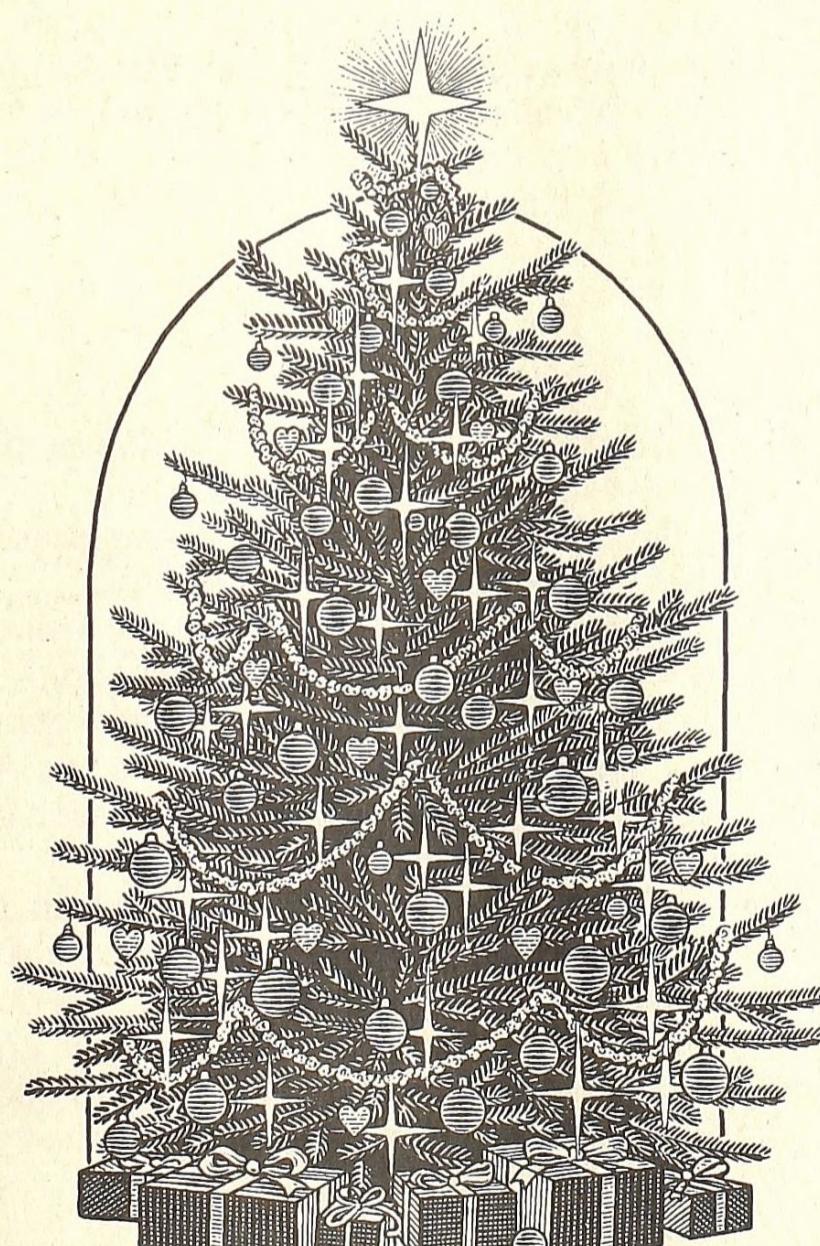
The kids would like bikes but I feel kids can't ride bikes out in the snow. I feel that the kids need warm clothing. The children are in need for clothes. Like pants, shirts, underwear, boots, hats, gloves, coats, and also a nice, warm holiday meal.

If you can make this family a wish it would be appreciated and would make 7 children

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Help is on the way for these families

Accident victim needs help

To MCN:

I would like to apply for help for my family for the Christmas Wish. The reason we are asking for help is that everything went wrong when we were in a car accident on 9-18-96.

I was hurt and couldn't go to work then the insurance company paid 85 percent of my work pay until 7-15-97 that they stopped paying saying I could go to work but my doctor said I'm not able to go back to work because I can't hold anything in my right hand for just a little while (not even a gallon of bleach) so they won't help anymore and now we receive ADC and we have to use the help to pay bills and I couldn't buy them anything new for school. So my son told me not to worry that they would be O.K. to stop crying but I can't because I can't give them anything but my love for now, please help if you can, could you please help.

Merry Christmas to you and your family
S.G. of Inkster

Homeless mom seeks help

To whom it may concern,
I am a homeless mother living in a shelter at this present time and I have 5 children and one on the way but at this present time my mother God Bless her has custody of my 4 ladies and 1 gentleman. She will be going back to court in July and will give custody back to me but in the mean time I want my children to have somethings for Christmas, I have no income right now and my mom is having it hard so if you could please help my family would appreciate it.

Thank you
U.J. of Westland

Family hopes for 'good' holiday

To MCN:

I'm writing a Christmas Wish for myself and children. I have 3 girls and 1 boy. Sherita 17, LaDonna 11, E'Bonita 9, and Donald 10.

We live in the projects, not a place we're we want to live, but I can't afford to move right now. We've been there for almost a year now. I work midnights at Total Gas Station in Dearborn. I live from pay check to pay check every two weeks, me and my kids. I don't get help from the state, they say I make too much, I only make \$700 to \$800 a month.

But, they do give me some food stamps not much though, but it does help. My kid's father and I are not together, because of drugs.

My oldest daughter's father used to be there for her not anymore, my other three kid's dad has not been there for them at all, he lives in B'ham Ala. and is bad on them drugs, I just hope they can one day get there life's together for their kids sake, before it's too late.

Anyways, I just lost a close cousin this month Nov. 15, 1997, Willie Moore, and you had ad on him. And another cousin of mine told me about it and I went out and got a paper. I used to buy the Ledger Star all the time, but a lot of side store's don't carry it anymore. But that's when I saw the ad about a Christmas Wish, God I hope I'm not too late.

MCN, my kid's would love to have a nice Christmas, they have not had a very good one in (2) years, could you "Please" help. I can get them some of the things they want but not all, price's is so high. And I feel that they should have everything they want, cause they're good about knowing how hard it is for me right now. They're understanding and very caring about me. Their grades are very good, and it hurt's me not to be able to give them everything they want. My oldest daughter is in Job Corps in Grand Rapids, Her trade is business, she'll be home for Christmas though.

I hope you can help me with my Christmas wish.
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Thank You
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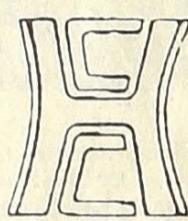
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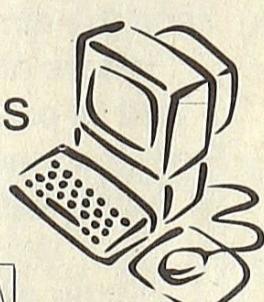
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Friend needs help for holidays

Dear MCN:

I am writing this letter in hopes that you may help a family I know. They are in great need. My friend is a single mother of three children ages 19, 17 and 9. The girl is 19 and the 17 and 9 are boys. This family has been torn apart by domestic violence and other things to go into great detail.

She recently went through the court's to regain her house. She doesn't even know how to come up with the money for the December payment. She has always been there for there for other people and now she is in need. Could you please find it in your hearts to help this family? She is doing all she can to keep this family together.

She recently got news that her mother has colon cancer.

This news has been very traumatic to her. She has no other place to turn. Her aunt has put her up in her house for four months, not expecting a dime. She feeds them and helps in anyway she can but can only do so much. Could you find it in your hearts to see that this family could receive gifts and maybe a family dinner for Christmas.

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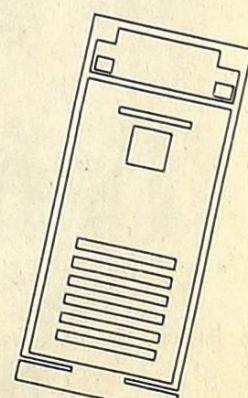
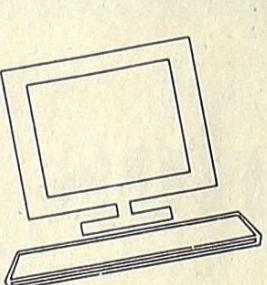
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Jobless mom needs help

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I am writing you this letter to see if you would help me make my children's Christmas a little merrier. My children names are Travis who is four years of age and Gaynelle who is sixteen years of age. Any help during the holiday season would be greatly appreciated by me and my family.

I hope that God will send his blessing to each one of you during the holidays and for the new year. Thank you again, and have a happy and blessed holiday season.

Respectfully yours,
V.E.J. of Wayne

Car is on Wish List

Dear Christmas Wish,
I am a mother with and on disability. I have 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy. My Christmas wish would be to have some type of transportation — car. However, whatever you can do for my family will be greatly, greatly appreciated.

Sincerely
B.P. of Inkster

Car crash sets family back

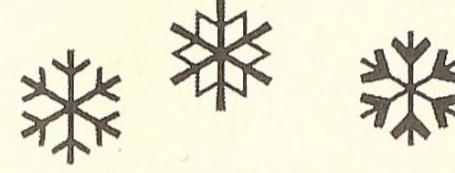
Dear Christmas Wish:

My Christmas wishes are for my oldest son, his wife and 5 week old baby girl.

My son just returned to work from a major car accident which resulted in him having a closed head injury back in May. My daughter-in-law just returned to work also this week after a problem pregnancy. They could use a stroller as back and neck injuries won't allow him to carry her far and a play pen that converts to a crib. Diapers would also be a huge plus. My son and daughter-in-law could use coats and gloves.

My other wish is for my youngest son who just turned 20. He lost his job in Wixom due to his loss of transportation from Wayne to Wixom. He had let one of his friends move in that didn't have a place to stay and when his friend left he took most of my son's clothes, his boots, gloves and damaged his bedroom outfit. Right now he is sleeping on a pad on the floor.

Thank you
F. McD. of Wayne

**Why I get involved in wishes**

By RITA BEDELL
MCN Special Writer

I don't know about the rest of you, but the holiday season is probably the happiest time of year for me. That is, aside from my anniversary. I imagine that is why I enjoy our Christmas Wish Program so much.

There is nothing I can imagine to be any worse than to see a child without a tree. Or worse yet, to see the look on a child's face when Santa Claus didn't come to their home. I could not even begin to dream of how a parent feels when their child has to ask "Why didn't Santa come to our house?" "What did I do that was so bad?"

That, my friends is why I spend the time on these Wishes that I do. If you could walk into just one of the homes we walk into each year and see the looks on parents faces, the smiles and the tears, then you really know how worthy this cause is.

Every day, month after month, year after year, I call on local businesses and offer them my services to help them sell the services they have to offer, or find the employee they are looking for. But in December, I get even more pleasure by asking them to support us in our crusade.

Each year, I find out a little more, just how much the holidays mean to our local businesses. And if you take a look at all the wonderful advertisements in this section, you can see another reason why I enjoy doing this. These advertisers are a very large part of what makes this program a success. For instance, Tri County Mattress supplies us with beds, Tyme Auto takes a few of our letters each year and supports the families on his own. Not to mention all of the other very generous businesses you see.

It gives me a warm feeling inside to pick up the phone and say, hey Steven, I have some families that need your help. Can we count on you? Of course, there aren't many who will say no. I personally want to thank each and every advertiser for making this year another successful one. If I could, I would mention every one of them. But all of my customers know how much I, Michigan Community Newspapers, and all of the less fortunate people appreciate what they have done.

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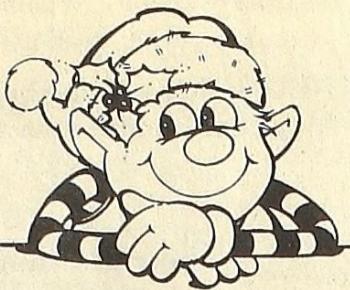
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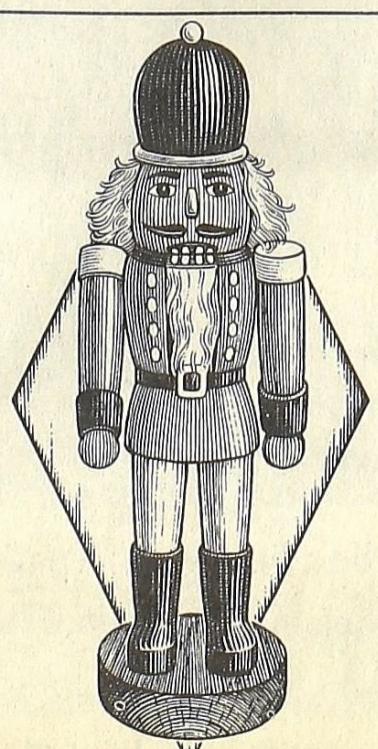
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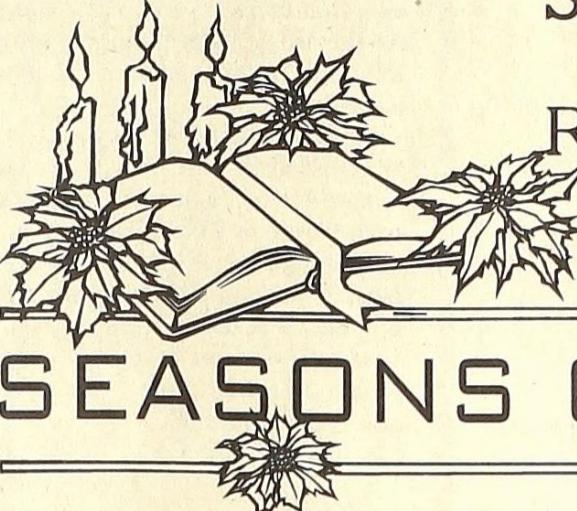
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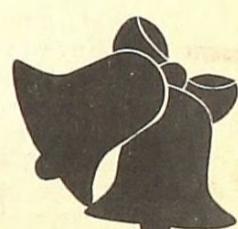
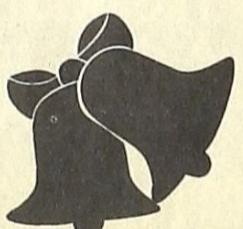
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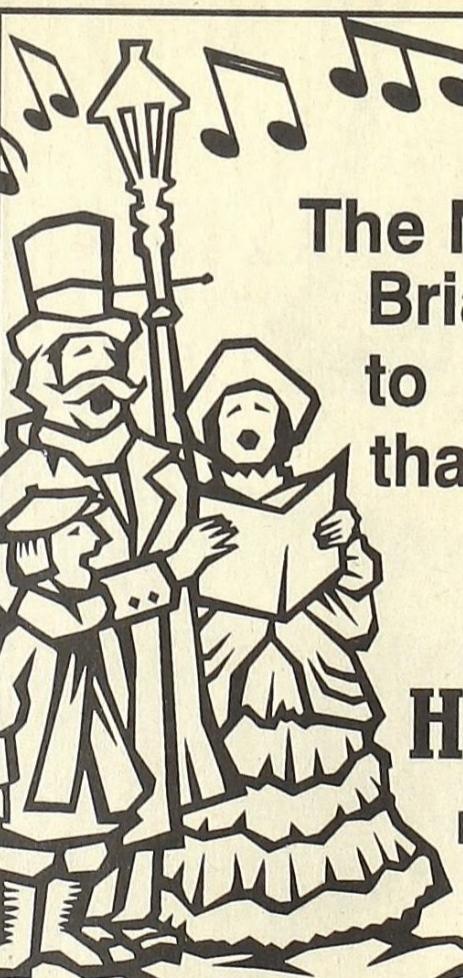
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Dear MCN,
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If someone can fix her car they would be helping my brother, me and my mom.

PS. Please help, thank you and happy turkey day and Christmas

A.R. and B.R. of Westland

Mom of 5 needs help

Dear Christmas Wish:
I would like to ask for a Christmas Wish for my mom. She was born and raised in Romulus and lost a son to Vietnam. She worked hard all her life to raise the 5 of us children. My dad divorced her and her 2 husbands was killed a year after my brother was killed in Nam. She is now retired but has no pension because of a car accident she was involved in she could no longer hold the good job she had at the schools. She takes in babysitting to supplement her Social Security check she gets each month.

Anyway she is in need of a shed to hold her lawn mower and tools. She has two, one is ready to fall on her head and the other is almost as bad. She doesn't complain she just makes the best of what she has cause she cannot afford a new one. So if possible and I know I'm asking for a lot if you can fill this wish I'm sure you would make a very Happy Christmas for my mom.

Thank you and Happy Holidays
B.R. of Romulus



Mom needs washer, dryer

Dear MCN,
My name is Robin (13) and my brother Robert (14) would like you to help our mom. She washes our clothes out in a utility tub and hangs them to dry. We would like for her to have a washer and dryer for Christmas. It doesn't have to be a new one just one that works! May God bless you.

R. and R. H. of Inkster



Boy needs coat for Christmas

My Christmas wish is for TK's son, Nathaniel. She is a young lady who was placed in my home with her son Nathaniel whom she got custody of in March of this year. Nathaniel was born on January 1, 1995. Since she has been with me Tina she has tried very hard to get good grades in school. Tina is also a very good mother. She has just been employed my McDonald's but she will not start working until after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Tina wants to get Nathaniel a coat and lots of toys. Nathaniel is also very good, one can tell that his mother takes a lot of time with him.

Tina and Nat will get \$10 each for Christmas. She doesn't know that I am writing this letter. If anyone deserves a good Christmas she does. As I have stated before she worked hard to turn her life around and has done so. When she gets her allowance she always sees to it that her son has what he needs before she buys anything for herself.

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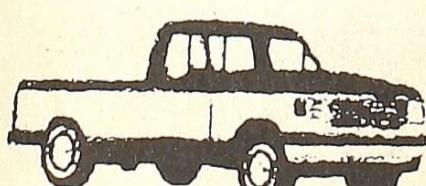
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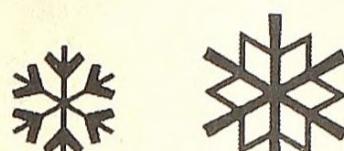


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Boy wants stolen bike replaced

Dear MCN:
Last May on my son's 7th birthday his only wish was for a brand new ten speed bicycle. Even though I argued that he was too young for such a big bike. He pleaded and insisted that all his friends had them. So my mother and I got together and granted his only birthday request. Boy, my son was so happy to see his bike, he took really good care of it, making sure not to throw it on the ground when he got off, he kept it clean and trying with all his heart to keep his eyes on it. Well needless to say, one afternoon almost one month later my son ran in the house to use the bathroom, he parked his bike right outside our back door, he was in the bathroom about 2 minutes and went right back outside. He then ran right back in the house into the kitchen where I was fixing dinner, screaming "Momma, Momma, where is my bike." I thought he was hurt or something. I told him to check all over the yard, but to our surprise the bike was gone. We searched the neighborhood up and down for weeks with no success. My son's little heart was crushed, he cried and moped around the house for weeks. We told him that one day we would try to buy him another ten speed. Now that Christmas is coming, guess what his wish is? You got it a 10 speed bike! However, this year we can not buy a bike for Christmas. I have other children and money is very limited. So if you and your staff of wish givers can grant a 7 year old a wish I'm sure he will know that wishes do come true.

Thank You,
D.J. of Inkster



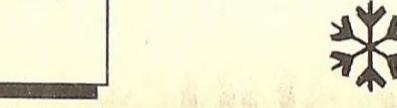
Bills pile up for family of 6

Dear Christmas Wish,
We hope this letter will reach you on time. My husband and I have 4 wonderful little boys who are doing so very well in school (2 are on honor roll) and at home. They have made up their Christmas lists a very long time ago. Keep dropping hints as all children do at this time of the year.

Unfortunately we can't even begin to grant their wish possible at all. I had to stop working because of my poor health. My husband is working very hard for min. wage for a small family owned business which decided to close down for about 3-4 weeks for the holidays.

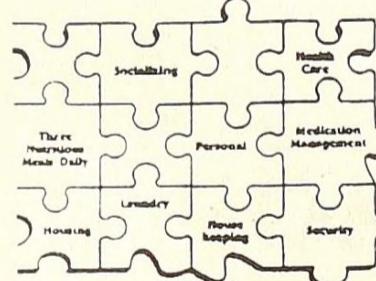
As much as we love to have Daddy home with us our financial situation is desperate. We're trying to make sure we have the rent (it has to be paid) we've just lost our telephone and now our electricity is being "pink-slipped" too. Things are really tight (even though we hope it's temporary) here until after the holidays and things are back to normal. I pray they will be.

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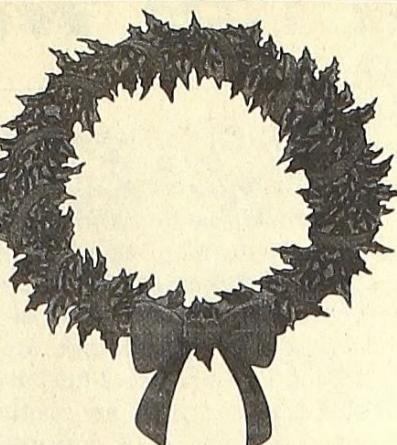
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We don't go anywhere, without having to walk, so the kids don't go. She didn't get but 2 outfits each for new school clothes they still could wear last years.

My son doesn't have a coat that fits him. I could go on all day they need everything and they do deserve a good Christmas. Please help if you can.

Thank You
S.S. of Garden City

Boy wants gift of music

Dear Christmas Wish,
I am writing this letter concerning your Christmas gifts for kids. I have two grandsons one is mentally impaired, he loves music very much. He broke his tape player. He's very lonesome without it. He cannot speak. If he could have one it would make him very, very happy. His mother is deceased, but he and I are getting along fine. The two year old loves toys, food and everything. We would be very grateful.

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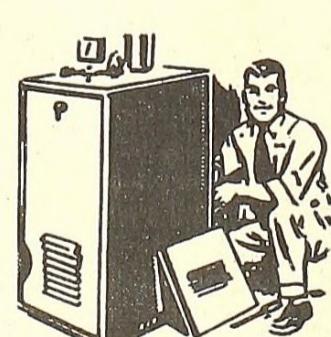
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Any help would be appreciated they are good people, they try to provide for us but the funding is just not there, it's getting cold, and it's my wish for my parents that this problem be corrected for Christmas.

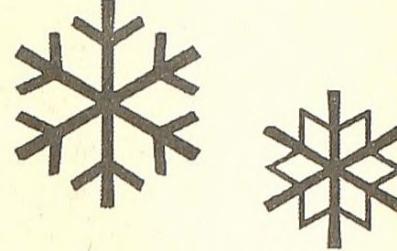
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much and God Bless You,
R.B. of Inkster

Gifts sought for grandchildren

To whom this may concern:

I am not writing for myself but for my three grandchildren who live with their mother, my daughter. She works full-time to try to make ends meet but it is still extremely hard. She works at a video store making just over minimum wage. She can't really look anywhere else for work because she does not have a car. She walks back and forth to work everyday (six to seven days a week.) She likes any other parent wants the best for her children. Also living with her is her father whom has many serious health problems. She does not like to ask for help so I am asking for her. Her children have to go without most of the year but she likes to make Christmas very special. Her children are Daniel age 6, Demond age 5, and Danielle age 2. She does receive food stamps so food really isn't a problem. It is Christmas gifts. The boys enjoy playing with action figures, toy motorcycles, any board game, and riding bikes. The baby girl likes dolls, and really wants a toy grocery cart with toy groceries. She also likes tea sets. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You for the your time.
Sincerely
C.A. of Romulus



Warm clothing needed for woman, son

Dear MCN,
I want to make a Christmas Wish...

It is not for myself but for my uncle and his family.

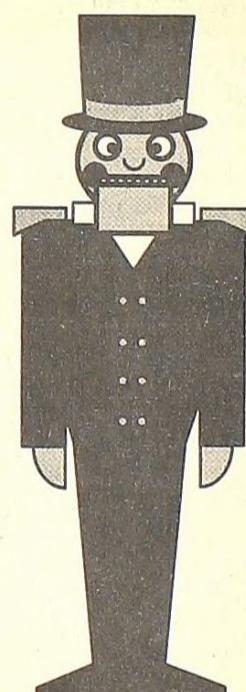
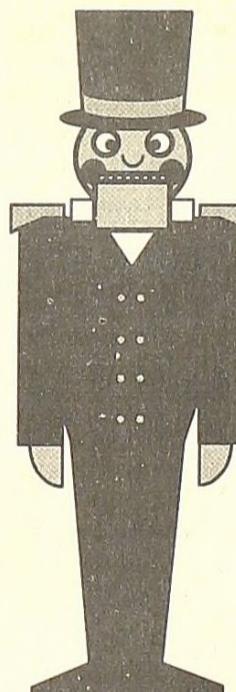
Two years ago my uncle fell and broke both of his ankles. He was off work for 6 months, during that time he became very depressed and never returned to work (after 28 years at Ford Motor Co.). He rarely leaves his home. He has applied for Veterans Benefits but has no income at this time. They have no heat in their home. His 22 year old daughter and 2 year old grandson moved in with him to help him financially but she cannot afford the past due MichCon Bill of almost \$500. She walks to work everyday. She does not have a winter coat, boots, hat, or gloves. They do not have money for any extra's this year. Please help them!

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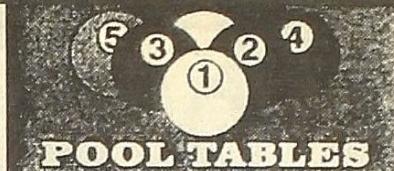
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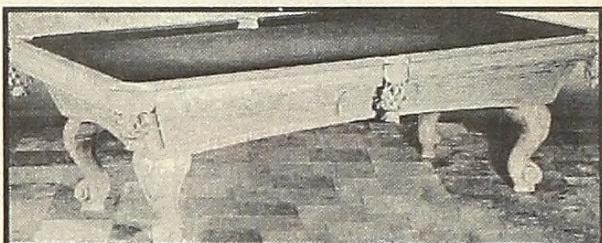
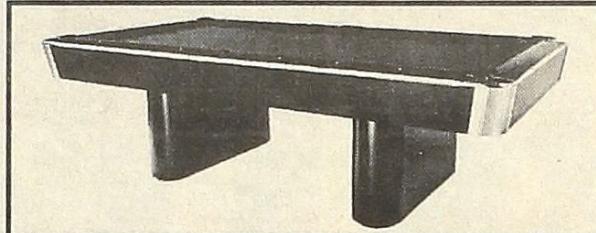
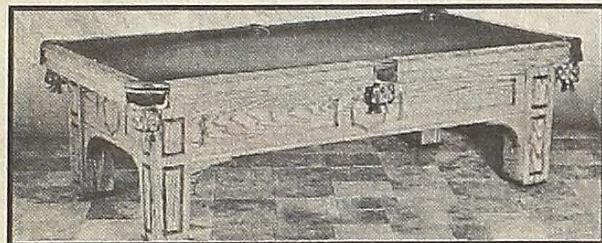
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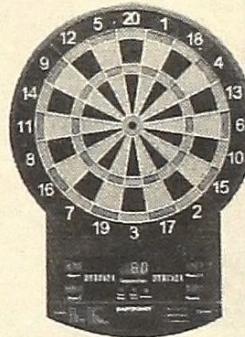
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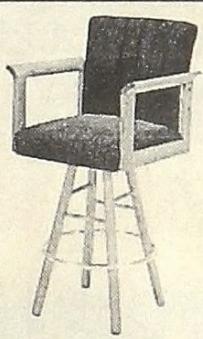
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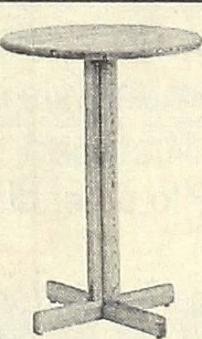
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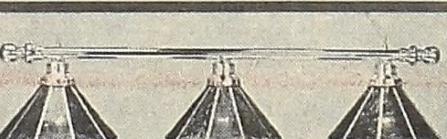
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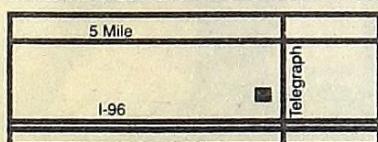
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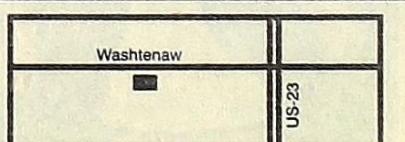


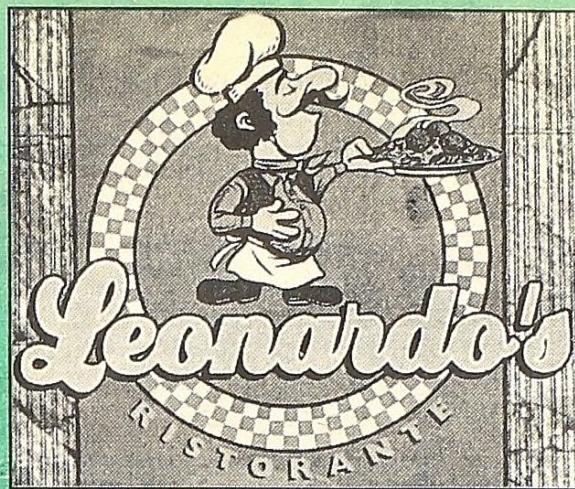
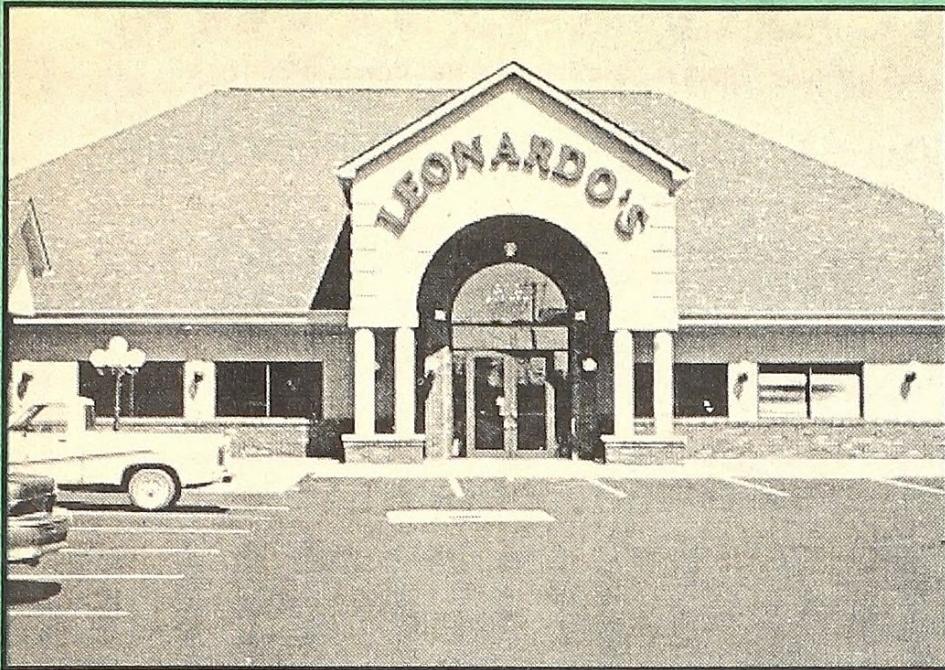
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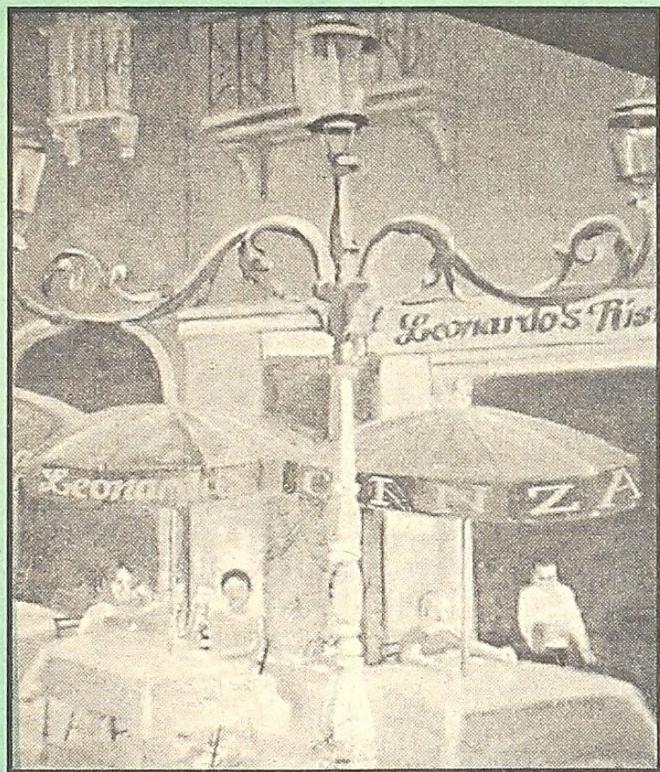




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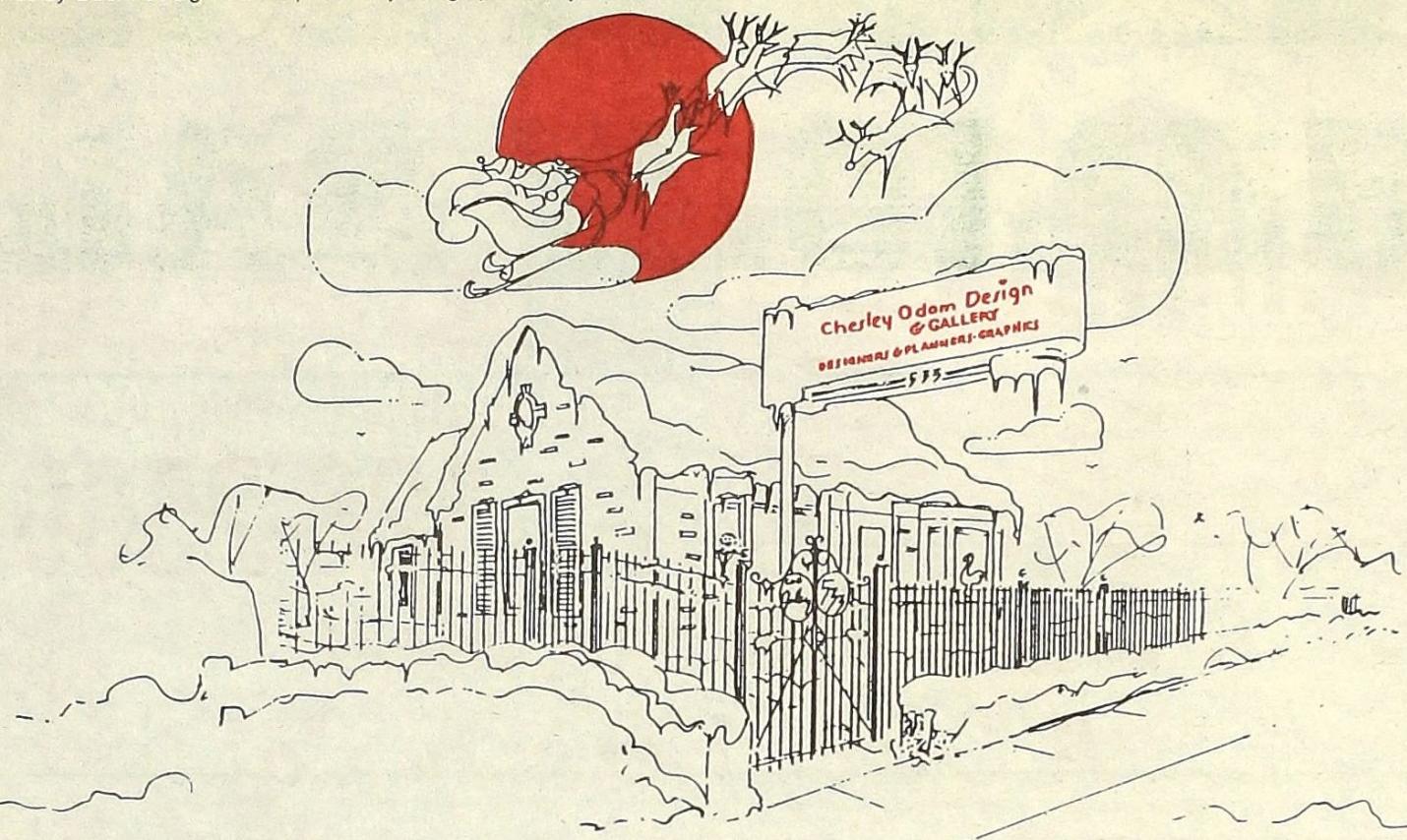
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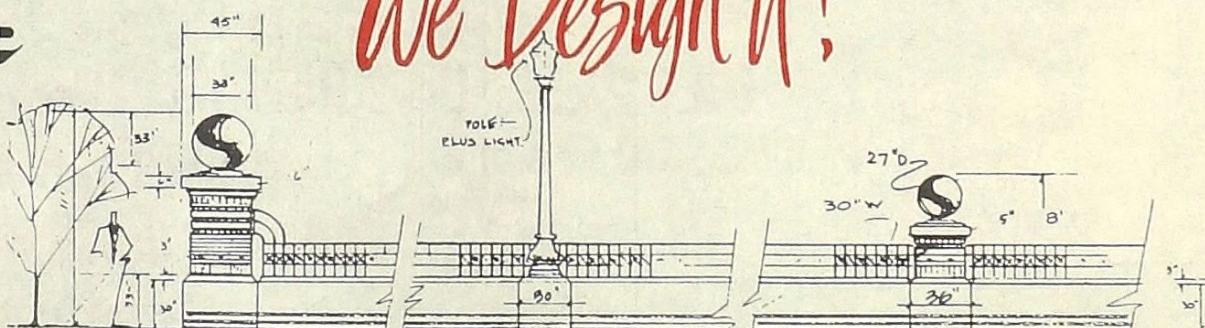


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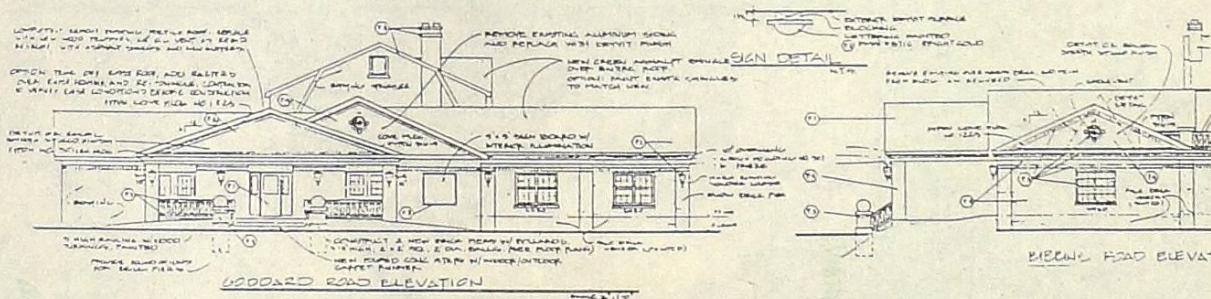
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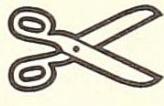
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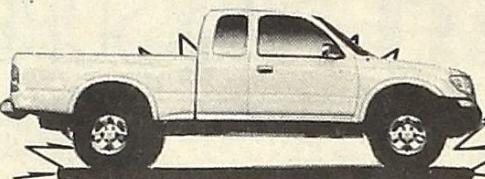
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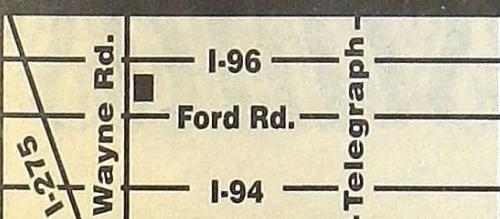
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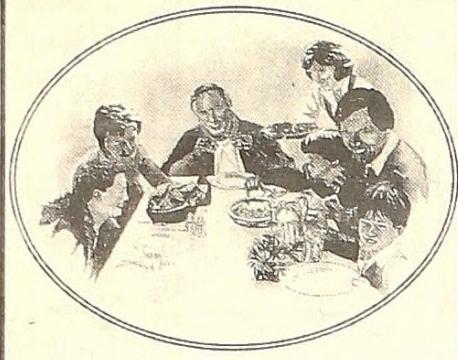
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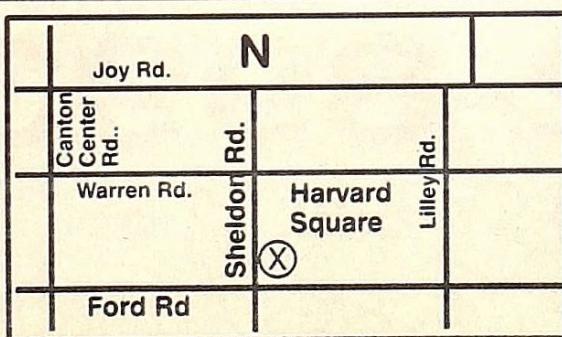
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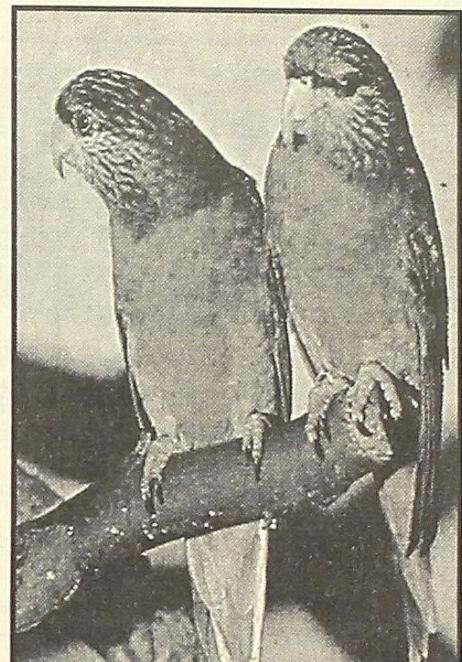
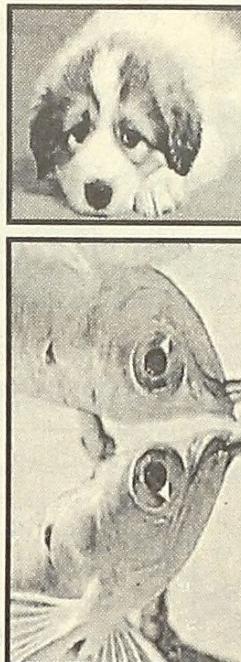
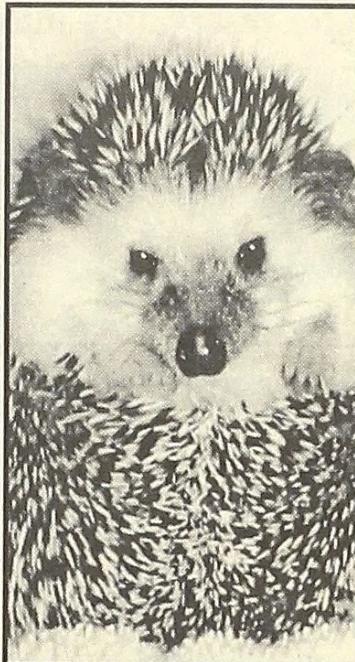
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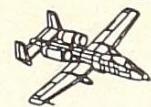
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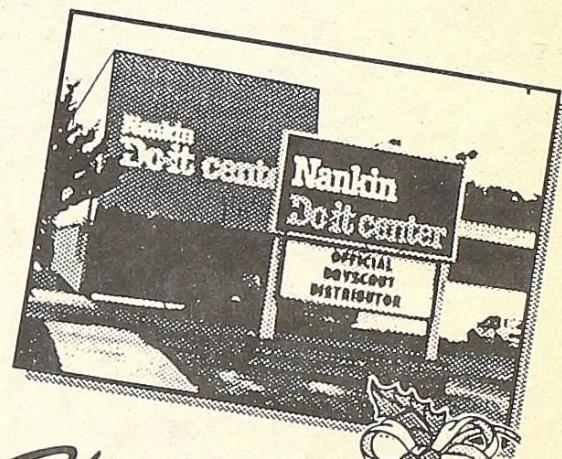
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